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A Vision for the Future

Dear Lasell Alumni and Friends:

With one of the warmest winters on record here in Massachusetts, it feels as if Spring arrived ahead of schedule. Along with the change in seasons in Newton, we are proud to share some wonderful accomplishments that have taken shape at Lasell in recent months.

As the school year began, we welcomed 1,735 undergraduate and graduate students to Lasell. They have brought new vigor, energy and a positive attitude to the College. We have worked hard to increase the number of first-year, first-time enrollments for Fall 2012, when our new residence hall (now called North Hall; see page 37) will open. Looking ahead: undergraduate applications are up an astounding 40% over last year; graduate enrollments continue to break records every semester; and we've developed a new strategic plan—*Vision 2017*—that will guide the College's initiatives for the next six years (pages 20-21).

The plan is a set of priorities that supports the mission and values of the institution and is dedicated to achieving excellence in contributing to the personal and intellectual development of each and every Lasell student. Look for your copy of *Vision 2017* inside this issue.

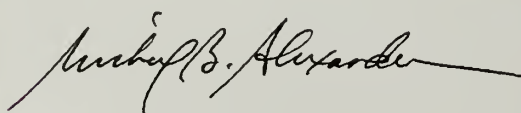
Lasell's fundraising efforts also continue to show positive trends as we near the completion of our three-year, \$10 million *Bridge to the Future* initiative. With a generous \$1 million challenge from Robert Arnov, and continued support from you, we should meet or exceed our goal by the end date this June.

The campus is looking more beautiful than ever. The renovated Hamel Visitor Center opened in August as the new home of Undergraduate and Graduate Admission—where prospective students and their families are shown the red carpet (see page 28).

Also in these pages, you will read about individuals whose passion for education reinforces the College's mission. People like Allison Hague Sargent '76 (pages 6-7), whose success as an event planner hasn't precluded a strong commitment to nonprofit work; Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Michael Daley (page 11), whose robust commitment to Environmental Studies has grown the timely program; generous donors Dwight and Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51, whose endowed scholarship helps deserving Lasell undergraduates pursue their goals (page 18); and Ginnie Chow '05, a young alum making her way in the corporate world while giving back to her alma mater (page 23).

In closing, I extend best wishes and thanks for all you do to help make Lasell College the special place it is for our students, faculty and staff.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Alexander
President

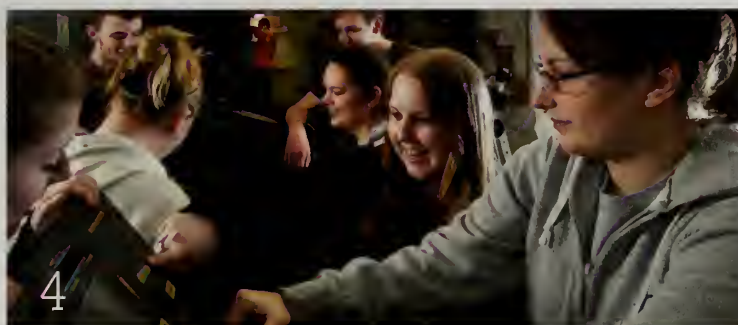


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Barney Frank to Speak at Commencement



Massachusetts Congressman **Barney Frank**, an outspoken advocate for civil rights and a neighbor of the College, will deliver this year's Commencement address on Sunday, May 13. Known for his quick intelligence, acerbic wit and thoughtful analysis of the most salient local and national issues of the day, Frank is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Widely lauded for his work related to the country's financial crisis, Frank began his political career in the Massachusetts State House, where he served for eight years before winning a seat in the US Congress in 1980. He recently announced he would not

run for re-election after 17 terms in Washington. Commenting on Frank's selection, President Michael B. Alexander says, "Representative Frank has been a longtime voice for the voiceless and has consistently brought issues of equality to the fore, making him ideally suited to speak at Lasell, an institution that shares those same values."

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Teaming Up for Research *A New Phase in* **Connected Learning**



Feeling Energetic: Professor Kim Farah's class calculates electricity consumption in an experiment at the fitness center.

Build opportunities for students to conduct research on their own and with faculty members—a great, but not new, idea for a small professionally-oriented, liberal arts college.

But it's how Lasell does it that makes the College stand apart from other institutions.

The Research Across the Curriculum (RAC) program was designed to engage students and faculty in research projects inside and outside the classroom, working tightly within the Connected Learning educational framework.

With a three-year, Davis Educational Foundation grant coming to an end, school leaders had to envision what the program would look like going forward.

And they have.

One core piece of RAC's future is tying it to Lasell's emphasis on social justice and community service-learning,

where students regularly interact with community organizations.

"The research piece was a way to bring together and enhance investigative skills, informational literacy and service," says Joann Montepare, director of Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies and coordinator of the Research Across the Curriculum program. "It's a very hands-on, experiential activity and it fits well with the school's educational philosophy of Connected Learning."

As part of the Research Across the Curriculum program, students (and faculty) over the last three years have: investigated electricity consumption at the College, researched age-related responses to ethical dilemmas, explored child care needs for the Newton Child Care Commission Fund, curated a fashion exhibit at the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, analyzed marketing communication tools for small local businesses and

presented at several national conferences—among many other projects.

These research projects and others have been offered to students at all levels—from first-years to seniors—and in many different majors. The Davis Educational Foundation grant covered a variety of research-related expenses for these projects, from materials costs and faculty stipends to research assistance support and faculty support for student scholars.

"The intention is for RAC to continue even when the grant ends," adds Montepare. "The community-based link is a way to sustain it and engage students in research where they see immediate need and receive feedback."

Professor of Chemistry Kimberly Farah has made regular use of the RAC program, involving students in a variety of projects—most recently with Physics undergraduates who are measuring energy generated by fitness bicycles on campus and researching ways to convert the energy into electricity.



James Collins photos

"The research is about students conducting investigations and analyses both within and outside of classroom settings."

Jim Ostrow
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Michael Daley working with two sets of students to measure the effects of underground methane gas leaks in the City of Newton. Farah's class will analyze soil chemistry in the area, while Daley's geography students will map leaks in the area—in partnership with the Massachusetts Public Shade Tree Trust and Gas Safety USA.

"It opens a new area of research for Mike (Daley) and me, plus it allows for rapid, real-time results [the students can see]," Farah adds.

All of these benefits are exactly what Jim Ostrow, vice president for Academic Affairs, wants for both Lasell students and the faculty.

"It is about students working closely with faculty mentors and as independent scholars," Ostrow says. "The research is about students conducting investigations and analyses both within and outside of classroom settings."

Montepare concurs.

"This really exemplifies the Connected Learning philosophy and its potential. It allows the students to explore in a different way."

"This will teach them how to develop a research project," Farah tells *Leaves*. "They are learning quite a lot, and they are excited that they might be able to make a difference with energy consumption [for the College]."

Another RAC project involves Farah and Environmental Science Assistant Professor

On the Ground: Physics students measure methane gas levels in the campus soil.



20 Spring 12 RAC Projects

Researching Connected Learning

The Legacy of Wisdom: Intergenerational Views from the Lasell Community

Emotion Recognition Accuracy in Younger and Older Adults

Analysis of the Marketing Communication Tools and Challenges in Small Businesses & RAC Community Participatory Action Research Project

Developing Evidence-Based Practitioners

Human Powered Exercise Equipment at Lasell College: A Feasibility Study for a General Physics Class

Priscilla of Boston Donation, Lasell/Goodwill Partnership

Research Management in the Lasell Fashion Collection

Terrorism and the Internet and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the Arab World

Loving Our Bodies: Improving Body Image and Eating among Women on a Small College Campus

Song as Activism—The Legacy of Woody Guthrie

Woody Guthrie: This Land Is Your Land

Investigating Students' Views of Sex Education



Allison Hague Sargent '76

Classic Lasell!



For most people, the leap from undergraduate life in the Turret Room at Carpenter House in 1974 to planning a Presidential inaugural gala at Washington's Smithsonian Institution might seem an unlikely one.

For Allison Hague Sargent '76, it makes perfect sense: She has been excited about special events since her New Jersey childhood, when she hosted backyard tea parties, decorated picnic tables with flowers and served homemade fruit punch.

Creating a special occasion, and enjoying every moment in the planning, is a talent that comes easily to this highly sought-after party and event specialist. Only now she's scouting locations, selecting floral arrangements and working with caterers to customize celebrations for hundreds of guests at a time.

And she gives lots of credit for her success to the launch she got from Lasell.

"My Lasell experience gave me the confidence to believe I could attain anything that I set out to do," Sargent tells *Leaves*. "And thanks, in part, to that foundation, my life has truly been a magical journey."

A born multi-tasker, Sargent jumped into Lasell life with both feet, majoring in Retail Management and Business, rowing crew, running for class president and "skiing on Thursday nights." In her freshman year, she met her future husband, David Sargent (son of a Lasell alum). "All the girls at Carpenter House loved him," Allison recalls.

After internships at Filene's and Lord & Taylor in Boston while a Lasell undergrad, then earning a BA from Briarcliff College, Allison made the leap to the New York fashion industry, where she spent 15 years at the Lord & Taylor flagship store helping to create the retailer's "Home of the American Classic" brand.

In 1991, she established Allison Sargent Events (ASE), a full-service event design and production firm now in its 20th year, customizing events for clients ranging from Trump Enterprises and Fortune 500 companies to Garden State mothers of the bride.

Sargent's success in her personal and professional life (she was recently honored by *NJBIZ* for her dynamism as one of the Garden State's "Best 50 Women in Business") has always been closely linked to making a difference in her community; she has made it her mission to encourage her corporate clients to partner with local charities when introducing a new product or marking a milestone.

"Reaching out is as much a priority as reaching up," she tells *Leaves*.

"My Lasell experience gave me the confidence to believe I could attain anything that I set out to do."

The fourth generation of her family to call the tight-knit town of Montclair, NJ home, Sargent and her husband, a corporate pilot, have two children, Carly, 26, and Tucker, 21.

"While my children, family and clients come first, my philanthropic causes are a close second," she says. High on that list are The Salvation Army and Boy Scouts of America. And, in a category of its own, Lasell.

Looking back, and moving forward, Allison Sargent praises the College for being "a pivotal stop" in her life and an institution she continues to be loyal to, and engaged with.

"I think alumni support is the key to any college," she says. "If you value your alma mater, you have to get involved."



On Location: Jersey Girl in party mode.

Off the Shelf

Recent books, scholarly journal publications, exhibitions and presentations by Lasell College faculty include a rich roster of titles and topics, among them:



Joseph Aieta III, Professor of Humanities

- Review of *Turkey, Islam, Nationalism, and Modernity: A History, 1789-2007*, Carter Vaughn Findley. *World History Bulletin*. 2011.

Stephanie Athey, Associate Professor of English

- "The Torture Device: Debate and Archetype." *Torture: Power, Democracy and the Human Body*. Eds. Shampa Biswas and Zahi Zalloua. Seattle: University of Washington Press. 2012.
- "The Torturer's Tale: Tony Lagouranis in Mosul and the Media." *Iraq War Cultures*. Eds. Cynthia Fuchs and Joe Lockard. New York: Peter Lang. 2011.

Deborah Baldizar, Lecturer, Studio Art

- *Rock Paper Scissors*. Exhibition. Flinn Gallery, Greenwich, CT. December 2011-January 2012.

Lynn Blake, Associate Professor of Fashion

- Print illustrations for *Fashion Design Referenced: A Visual Guide to the History, Language and Practice of Fashion*. Kennedy, Alicia, Emily Banis Stoehrer and Jay Calderin. Rockport Publishers. 2012.

Steven Bloom, Professor of English

- "Waiting for O'Neill: The Makings of an Existentialist." *Eugene O'Neill's One-Act Plays: New Critical Perspectives*. Eds. M. Bennett and B. Carson. Palgrave Macmillan. Summer 2012.

Jill Carey, Joan Weiler Arnow Associate Professor of Fashion

- Curator of fashion component for exhibition *Dream, Expression and Obsession: The Art of the Automobile*. Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA. May 2011-April 2012.

Kenneth Calhoun, Assistant Professor of Art and Graphic Design

- "Then." *Tin House Magazine*, Issue 47. Spring 2011.
- "Desperate Measures." *Lumina*. Winter 2012.

Kimberly Farah, Professor of Chemistry

- Ansaldi, M. and Farah, K.S. "The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA): An Innovative Strategy for Assessing Carcinogen Use." *Procedia Environmental Sciences*. 2011.

Marc Fournier, Assistant Director, Plant Operations and Sustainability

- "Sustainable Grounds Operations" with Ellen Newell and Stephanie DeStefano; and "Green Fuels, Vehicles, and Equipment." *Operational Guidelines for Educational Facilities/Grounds*. Leadership in Educational Facilities. 2011.

Marie Franklin, Associate Professor of Journalism

- "CEO severance pay versus the rest of us" and five other op-ed columns in the *Newton TAB*. January-September 2011.

Hortense Gerardo, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Humanities

- "OMG. Texting at the Theatre and In Memoriam." *The Dramatist, The Journal of the Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.* September-October 2011.
- "Adaptation vs. Extinction." *The Dramatist, The Journal of the Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.* January-February 2012.

Jose Guzman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish

- "De ti naci y a ti vuelvo: Homenaje a Jorge Enrique Adoum." [Of You I was Born and To You I Return: A tribute to Jorge Enrique Adoum] *Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana*. Quito, Ecuador. 2011.

Elizabeth Hartmann, Assistant Professor of Education

- "Universal Design for Learning." *National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness Practice Perspectives*. 2011.

Dana Janbek, Assistant Professor of Public Relations

- "Terrorism in the age of the Internet: The case of Muslim Arab FTOs." *Journal of Religious and Theological Information*, 10. 1/2011.

Rebecca Kennedy, Associate Professor of English

- Poems in *Cider Press Review*, *New Mexico Poetry Review* and *Sierra Nevada Review*. 2011.
- Poems in *Finishing Line Press*, *Plainsongs*, *Denver Quarterly* and *Tribeca Poetry Review*. 2012.

Margo Lemieux, Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design

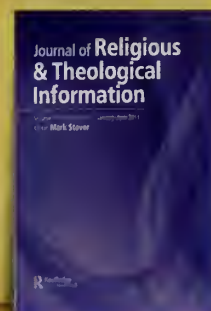
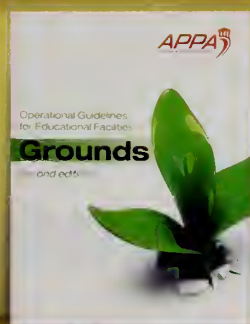
- Artist Residency/*Paper and Book Intensive*. Oxbow, Saugatuck, MI. May 2011.
- "Gonna Put on My Long White Robe." *Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Festival*. September 2011. (Received first-place award)

Allegra Martin, Lecturer, Music and Director, Lasell Student Chorus

- *Anthology*. www.anthologyvoices.com

Barbara Meltz, Lecturer, Communication

- *Child Caring*. Boston.com. www.boston.com/community/moms/blogs/child_caring



Marsha Mirkin, Associate Professor of Psychology

- Mirkin, M.P. and Geib, P. "Consciousness of Context in Relational-Cultural Couples Therapy." *Creating Connection in Couples Therapy: Relational-Cultural Therapy and the Path to Growth*. Eds. J. Jordan and J. Carlson. New York: Routledge Press. (forthcoming 2012).

Joann Montepare, Professor of Psychology

- Zebrowitz, L. A., Bronstad, P. M., Montepare, J. M. "An Ecological Theory of Face Perception." *The Science of Social Vision*. Eds. R.B. Adams, Jr., N. Ambady, K. Nakayama and S. Shimojo. Oxford University Press. 2011.
- Montepare, J.M., Gormley, K. and Sarikas, S.N. "HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Sexual Activity in Young Adults: A 20-year Exploration." March 2012.

J. Brooke Mullins Doherty, Lecturer, Studio Art and Art History

- *Art in the Windows*. Solo show. Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA. March-June 2011.
- *Works on Paper*. Group show. Colo Colo Gallery, New Bedford, MA. December 2011.

Jennifer Ostrowski, Assistant Professor of Athletic Training

- Stiller-Ostrowski JL. "Facilitating Rehabilitation Adherence by Acknowledging the 'Mental Side' of Injury." Oral presentation at National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. St. Louis, MO. June 2012.
- Ouellette C, Stiller-Ostrowski JL, Welch M. "Pubic Symphysis Sprain in a Men's Collegiate Basketball Player." Poster presentation at Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. Boston, MA. January 2012.

Loredana Padurean, Assistant Professor of Management

- *Destination Dynamics. A Management and Governance Perspective*. Lambert Academic Publishing. 2011.

Lizbeth Halliday Piel, Assistant Professor of History

- Book review of *Children as Treasures: Childhood and the Middle Class in Early Twentieth-Century Japan*, Mark A. Jones. *The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*. March 2011.
- "Food Rationing and Children's Self-Reliance in Japan, 1942-1952." *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*. February 2012.

Lori Rosenthal, Associate Professor of Psychology

- Rosenthal, L. H., Sokoly, V, Pare, C. and Saint-Juste, S. "Harnessing Power: Situational determinants of energy use in college dorms." Presentation at Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Cambridge, MA. 2011.

Annee Scott, Senior Lecturer, Studio Art

- Installation. *Cross-cultures: The Population Exchange of 1923*. 2009-2011.
- *The Creative Showcase (Mykonos, Greece)*. Group exhibitions. Lasell College Wedeman Gallery. Newton, MA. October 2011.

Edward Sieh, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

- "Philosophy of Community Corrections." *The Encyclopedia of Community Corrections*. Ed. Shannon Barton-Bellessa. Sage Publications, Inc. 2012.

Anh Le Tran, Assistant Professor of Economics and Management

- "Cau chuyen nhap sieu: Cac diem yeu co huu." ["Grappling with the trade deficit: the key inherent weaknesses"] *Thoi bao Kinh te Saigon (The Saigon Economic Times)*. May 2011.
- "Dumping and Antidumping in the United States: A Comprehensive Review of Key Issues." *International Journal of Economics and Finance*. March 2012.

Anne Valley, Assistant Professor of Fashion

- Special contributor to exhibition *Dream, Expression and Obsession: The Art of the Automobile*. Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA. May 2011-April 2012.

Alex Walsh, Lecturer, Psychology

- "The Relaxation Response: A Strategy to Address Stress." *International Journal of Athletic Therapy and Training*. 2011.
- "Self-Determination Theory: A Key to Motivation." *IDEA Fitness Journal*. October 2011.

Lesley Yoder, Lecturer, French

- Calligraphy for Cartolina Cards' line of greeting cards. www.cartolina.com. 2012.

Soterios Zoulas, Lecturer, Communication

- Konstadakopulos, Dimitrios and Zoulas, Soterios. "100 Years in America: Tsamantas (Greece)—Worcester, MA (USA) 1908-2008." *Historical Determinants and Images of the Identity and Culture of Diasporas from Southwestern Europe*. University of the West of England. 2011.

media matters



In early March 2012, a student-led project that connected military brides-to-be to their dream wedding gown—called **Project Dream Dress**—received TV, radio and print coverage by the Boston media including **NECN**, **The Boston Globe**, the **Boston Herald**, **WBZ TV - Channel 4**, **WCVB TV - Channel 5** and **WHDH-TV - Channel 7**. Prior to the event, Dream Dress was mentioned on **WGBH Radio's The Emily Rooney Show** and **wgbh.org** as part of a report on unique "Valentine-related" activities coming up in the Boston area.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

James Ostrow and others were interviewed for a February 2012 article published by **Inside**

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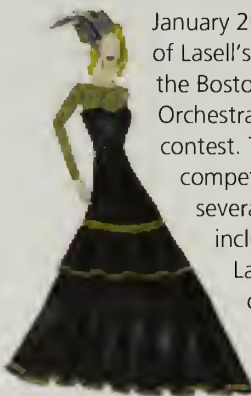
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Higher Ed on salary compensation

for adjunct professors. Ostrow spoke about the College's effort to improve adjunct pay as part of Lasell's Strategic Plan—*Vision 2017*.

This February, **WBUR Radio 90.9** broadcaster Monica Brady-Myerov reported a story on the rise of undergraduate applications at local colleges and universities. Lasell College—with a 40 percent rise in applications over the previous academic year—was featured.

In January 2012, **Artscope - New England's Culture Magazine**, **Newton Patch** and **Boston.com** all gave coverage to a unique exhibit at Lasell's Wedeman Gallery that featured artist Ed Smith's sculptures and drawings in an exhibit titled **Small Gods and Heroes** (above right).



The **Boston Herald** in January 2012 made mention of Lasell's involvement in the Boston Symphony Orchestra's **Project Debussy** contest. The annual fashion competition involved several students, including three from Lasell, who designed original gowns for the event, which followed a BSO Debussy concert.

In December 2011 Vice President of Student Affairs **Diane Austin** was quoted in a **US News and World Report** online story titled "4 Tips for College Applicants, Students with Disabilities."

Village resident **Erna Rosenberg**, 100, appeared in an article on the front page of the **Newton TAB** in March 2012. She was interviewed about her participation in a study of centenarians' DNA.



Iphigenia, bronze, 2010, 16" tall.

Photo courtesy Ed Smith



The **Newton Patch** wrote about Lasell College's effort to plant hardy and sustainable trees on campus in a story called "Welcoming a New Class of Elms" in October 2011.

Communications Professor **Dana Janbek** was interviewed several times during the Fall of 2011 related to her expertise in terrorist communications. In October 2011, **Fox 25 News - WFXT TV** interviewed her regarding the trial of accused terrorist Tarek Mehanna and Boston's **WHDH-TV 7News** interviewed her about the arrest of a suspected terrorist in Ashland, MA. In September 2011, Janbek was also interviewed on Boston's **Fox 25 Morning News** on the subject of terrorist recruitment.

Lasell graduate student **Jack McKenna** was interviewed by **Boston Globe** reporter Todd Wallack for an article about the cost of higher education. "Daunting Costs Don't Have to Derail Your Goals" was published on **Boston.com** in October 2011.



A Conversation with Professor Michael Daley

Lasell's Environmental Compass

Perhaps without even realizing it, Michael Daley was destined to become an environmental educator.

As a boy, he traipsed around his hometown of Peru, New York at the foot of the Adirondack Mountains. As a young man, he led campers on hikes and canoe trips as a Camp Pok-o-MacCready outdoor counselor. And, when college came, he pursued a biology degree at Siena College—where the deal was sealed.

At Siena, near Albany, his professor/mentor brought him on a research trip to Trinidad and Tobago to study jumping fish. After sleeping in hammocks to avoid fire-ants in the rainforest and co-writing a paper for *American Naturalist* about the research, Daley, Lasell's first Environmental Studies professor, was hooked.

"I liked the idea of learning new things and also being able to do the ecology research I wanted to do," says Daley of those formative years.

The fresh-faced Daley fashioned a career plan that included a master's in education at SUNY/Plattsburgh, then a stint as an eighth-grade science teacher in New Hampshire—where he hiked Mt. Cardigan with his students. Not long after, he returned again to academia for his PhD at BU, opting to focus on geography—and work with his advisor, and current mentor, Nathan Phillips.

After studying tree physiology, he began to investigate the demise of the eastern hemlock forests. This led to further publications, and, to an adjunct position at Lasell in 2005.

At Lasell, Daley has become known for nudging the College toward sustainable practices—as well as for engaging students in his ambitious research projects.



Field Study: Michael Daley at Waltham's Boston Area Climate Experiment.

Daley, assistant professor of Environmental Science, was the first chair of the College's Environmental Sustainability Committee, wrote the reports that serve as Lasell's baseline for the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and has shepherded a surge in student interest as the College expands its Environmental Studies offerings—and its faculty.

"It's a huge change in five years," says Daley. "I think the students like the Environmental Studies courses because they see how to apply the information to any major."

Meanwhile, Daley has received three years of funding from the National Science Foundation to work on the Boston Area Climate Experiment located in Waltham, measuring the effects of precipitation and temperature change on indigenous plants.

His latest interest, which involves his BU mentor Phillips, tracks the effects of methane gas leaks on local trees. Daley's students mapped those gas concentrations in Newton for the project.

"Methane, in terms of climate change, is a major contributor to global warming. If the leaks are widespread in every city, it changes the conversation."

And, what does Daley do when he's not trying to educate the rest of us about the contributors to climate change?

No surprise here...as a member of the 46ers (climbers of the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks), with his wife Samantha, the couple hikes along with their two adorable kiddos, Ethan and Cate.

Daley will likely make sure those two are well versed in environmental issues before they hit grade school.

Around the Crow's Nest

New and notable on campus

Random Acts of Kindness

As part of a new Lasell Student Government Association campaign called "Values to Live By," the SGA and Office of Student Activities organized a "Random Acts of Kindness Day" on April 3, 2012 that featured a motivational speaker, giveaways and reminders to help each other daily.

Education Roundtable

President Michael B. Alexander was invited to a February 2012 higher education roundtable with US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and US Senator John Kerry to discuss innovative higher education programs aimed at preparing students to thrive in today's economy.

Under Construction

The College's newest residence hall, North Hall, located between the Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center and Bragdon Hall, will be completed by Fall 2012 for the start of the academic year.

Center for a Sustainable Society

Lasell launched a new Center for a Sustainable Society, located at 26 Maple Terrace, that will house Environmental Studies faculty as well as the College's Sustainability director. The goal of the center is to create unique, academic-supported projects that can be managed from one central location with support from the Sustainability office.

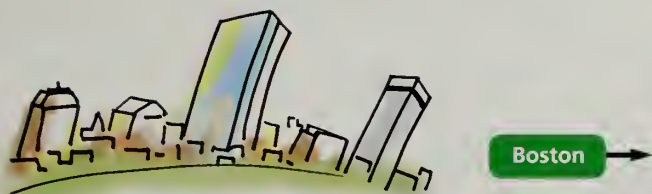


100 and Counting

Lasell Village honored its second centenarian on March 20, 2012, as resident Anna Castelman turned 100. Residents and staff celebrated with her three children and grandson. Village Queen Paula Panchuck (VP and Executive Director of the Village) presented Anna with a jewel-studded crown and dubbed her Princess for the Day. Anna, a history-lover, was visited by an Egyptian pharaoh (café manager Eric Omiecki) who bore gifts of a corsage and a box of chocolates. Tributes were given by several Villagers and her grandson.

Downton Village

WGBH's *Masterpiece* maven Rebecca Eaton visited Lasell Village in January—dishing about series favorites including the smash hit *Downton Abbey*, which she executive produced. Eaton's longtime friend, Village resident Helen Cohen, invited the "drama queen" to speak.



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Central St.

Commonwealth Ave.

Lunch Bunch

Valentine Dining Hall is slated for a major renovation this summer in time for the opening of school in September 2012. The renovation will include a move of the radio station (to the center of the dining hall) and new kitchen equipment. The project is funded, in part, through a contribution from Lasell's food service vendor, Sodexo.

Route 16

Community Kudos

Lasell College was named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction for "its strong commitment to service and compelling outcomes in the community." It is the third year in a row Lasell has received the honor.

Majors and Minors

Over the Winter, the Board of Trustees approved a new major at the College, a BA in Arts Management. In addition, new concentrations in graduate and undergraduate programs include: a Health Communication concentration for the MS in Communications, three concentrations for the BS in Finance—Corporate Finance, Financial Planning and Risk Management and Insurance—and two new minors in English, Literature and Creative Writing.

Gym Time

The Athletic Center gymnasium received attention during the 2011-12 academic year with a \$19,000 investment to re-paint and re-finish the floor with new logos and matching sidelines. Regular upkeep for the gym is financed, in part, through donations to Lasell.

Book Ends

The Brennan Library added close to 1,700 new books, audio/visual resources and e-books to its collection for fiscal year 2011-12. These additions were made possible, in part, through donations to the Lasell Fund.

Being Green

EcoReps Help Lasell Reach Sustainability Goals

Conserve energy,
increase recycling,
reduce consumption.
These are all important
"green" goals embraced
by many across campus.

As sustainability efforts have blossomed across the College in recent years, so has student interest in environmental action.

But how to harness student interest while supporting Lasell's ecological goals?



Enter the EcoReps program.

Conceived as a joint venture by the College's Assistant Director of Plant Operations and Sustainability Marc Fournier and Center for

Community-Based Learning (CCBL) Assistant Director Amy Greene, EcoReps began as a pilot program in the Spring of 2011 with two students amped to help the College "go green."

One of their first tasks was to help educate the community and reduce energy consumption on campus with something called the Light Box.

Armed with a "box" displaying light bulb varieties, the students traveled building-to-building sharing information about the difference between incandescents and compact fluorescents (CFLs), and offering to switch out high-watt bulbs for energy-saving ones.



Marc Fournier photo

Energy Savers: An EcoReps team ramps up for America Recycles Day

Conserve energy
Reduce consumption
Increase recycling



High Wattage? Karynne Cabral '13 checks an office overhead light.

"One of the most important things about this program is it gets students concretely involved in sustainability. They are actually doing it, and they can see the challenges and the benefits," Fournier tells *Leaves*. Now, a year later, the EcoReps program has eight students working four hours a week (paid through the CCBL and Sustainability office).

To date, the EcoReps have helped organize Recyclemania (an annual college recycling competition), created the Boomer Recycling Campaign for America Recycles Day, continued with lightbulb replacement and developed an EcoReps logo.

In addition, students are combing through College utility records to help identify buildings on campus that need energy reduction intervention.

"It's disgusting what I found," says Karynne Cabral '13, student EcoRep leader. "I couldn't believe how much money we are putting towards these bills. I can't believe I lived in a building where we had the highest usage rates. I made my roommates take 'Army' showers where they have water on for shampoo only, then turn it off."

This utility bill analysis will also help the College track energy use in order to meet a 10 percent reduction goal of water, electricity and gas consumption as part of the new strategic plan, *Vision 2017* (see pages 20-21).

The data will also inform the College's Environmental Sustainability Committee as it makes recommendations about how and where the College can have the greatest impact on climate change.

"The data is the real information that shows what we really do. It's hard to refute and hard to look at. Even the little houses have astounding energy bills," says Fournier.

Already the EcoReps have made changes that should show results soon.

As part of their office-to-office and building-to-building energy audits, EcoReps have recommended light sensors for certain buildings and

low-use areas. With that information, the College has applied for energy incentives through NSTAR to receive sensors at a greatly discounted rate. Once the applications are approved and sensors arrive, the College will install them.

"Payback time will be really short," says Cabral. "I would love to see those bills in a couple of years."

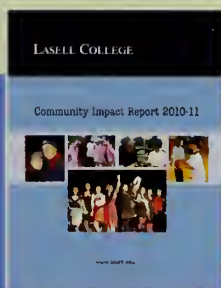
An added bonus is that greenhouse gas generation will be reduced, which the College needs to accomplish as part of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, signed by President Michael B. Alexander in 2008.

"[EcoReps]...will influence not only campus energy use, but also the behavior of faculty, staff and students."

As the EcoReps continue their green efforts on campus, they believe they will influence not only campus energy use, but also the behavior of faculty, staff and students.

"Freshman year, I wasn't thinking about it. But I've grown up and I see the world differently. If we promote this more, people will get it. We pay for this," says Cabral.

That's music to Fournier's ears. "They can see it for their future work lives, and can also take it home and live it."



Community Impact Report 2010-11

Lasell College published its first *Community Impact Report* last Fall highlighting the ways in which the College, its students, faculty and staff have positively affected the local area's residents, businesses and organizations. The *Report* illustrates direct impact to the community in terms of employment, local purchases and financial aid to local students, as well as contributions through volunteer service events and ongoing partnerships with community organizations. To read a copy online, visit: <http://www.lasell.edu/Discover-Lasell/Community-Impact/Community-Impact-Report.html>.

Four New Trustees Join Board

New members of Lasell's Board of Trustees, appointed to two-year terms (2012-2014), are:



John Doran P'14, president and founder of Doran Enterprises LLC and The John Doran Family Foundation. He founded Doran Enterprises in

1999 to consult with emerging companies in business development, to actively manage his personal investments and to fund his charitable foundation. Prior to that, Doran built Medco Containment Services/Health Solutions into the nation's largest pharmacy benefit manager. He is chairman of the board of the Great Humid Forest of Costa Rica Limitada, a real estate holding company, and serves on the audit committees and boards of many institutions. Doran holds a BA from the College of the Holy Cross and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



Irwin "Irv" J. Gruverman, a professional engineer, has been an active resident of Lasell Village since 2003. He has extensive

management, finance and technology experience with scientific product organizations and was founder, CEO and chairman of Microfluidics until his retirement in 2007. Gruverman has authored some 100 technical articles, presentations and papers in the fields of isotope methodology and has applied knowledge of venture funding approaches and public financing to launching many technology-based enterprises. He holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from The Cooper Union, an MS in Nuclear Engineering from MIT and has completed post-graduate executive management courses.



Keon T. Holmes, a senior specialist consultant in Cambridge Associates' Boston office, who oversees hedge fund portfolios for universities,

foundations, hospitals, cultural institutions and private clients around the world. Holmes' clients range in size from \$80 million to \$2.4 billion. He is a board member of the Boston Center for the Arts and a member of Harvard University's Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility. Prior to his Cambridge Associates position, Holmes worked with private clients for JP Morgan Chase & Co. He holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Howard University, an MBA from Harvard Business School and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.



Sheilagh Joyce, information systems and medical records director of the MIT Medical Department, has enjoyed a long career in hospital

information and telecommunication systems administration. Prior to her position at MIT, she was engagement manager at Beacon Partners, Inc., community practices application manager at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and, from 1982-1993, director of information systems at South Shore Hospital. Joyce is a guest lecturer at Simmons College and U-Mass/Boston, and holds BS and MBA degrees from Suffolk University and a post-MBA Advanced Certificate in Business from Northeastern.

Six New Overseers Named

New members of Lasell's Board of Overseers, appointed to three-year terms (2012-2015), are:

- **Maha Alshoaibi '05**
Acton, MA
Emerson College
Master's degree candidate
- **Lynn M. Bissonnette**
Hopedale, MA
Superintendent, MCI Framingham
- **Vivien Ash Gallagher '64**
Washington, DC
US Customs and Border
Protection associate
- **Meghan McDonough '10**
Waltham, MA
Reebok International Ltd.
materials developer
- **C. David Thomas**
Wellesley, MA
Visual artist and educator
- **Adam A. Waitkevich**
Millbury, MA
Certified Financial Planner

Kathryn Maguire '06 MSM

'A Sense of Accomplishment'

"Going to graduate school was a gift to myself." So says Kathryn Maguire '06 MSM, who credits her Lasell graduate degree in Management with preparing her for "the various staff and operational challenges" she regularly finesses as director of the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association (VNA).

The Dedham mother and grandmother, who has a BS from Northeastern in Health Care Administration, was intrigued by Lasell's overall Master of Management program as well as the school's accessible location, convenient evening classes and option to concentrate in Elder Care Administration.

"I've worked with elders throughout my nursing career, and I wanted to maintain that focus," she tells *Leaves*. And Lasell's graduate faculty helped her do just that.

"I so appreciated my professors, most of all their capability to make us think outside the box as it related to our current work," Maguire continues, "while also supporting our direction for the future."

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Kathryn Maguire: No longer nursing "a pipe dream."

She recently shared her perspective about future direction at a panel discussion on campus for current grad students, "Lasell and Beyond: The Graduate Job Search." While her pre-Lasell education and professional experience provided her a critical foundation, she told those gathered in de Witt Hall, the management skills Lasell's MSM program emphasized "fine-tuned it."

"I do not want to minimize that there was work involved, but as I completed each course and moved through the program I was able to stay focused on my life's work: improving the efficiency of the health care industry," Maguire says. "This led me to graduate with not only a sense of accomplishment but also a pat on the back for doing what I once thought was only a pipe dream."

'A gift to myself'

To learn more
about Lasell's expanding graduate
programs, e-mail gradinfo@lasell.edu
or call 617-243-2400.

Making a Match, Finding a Passion



Backstage: Erin Tremblay '12 works her styling magic.

To Dwight and Jo-Ann Massey '51, ensuring that college is available and affordable for future generations is a philanthropic priority. In that spirit, the longtime Lasell supporters established The Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51 and Anna A. Vojir Endowed Scholarship, in honor of Jo-Ann's mother, in 2001. Income from the fund, one of 25 endowed scholarships at the College, provides a deserving student with financial support.

Erin Tremblay '12 is one such student. The 2011-2012 Massey Scholarship recipient, a senior honors student majoring in Fashion Retail Management with a minor in Event Management, is the first in her family to attend college. "The Massey Scholarship has had a

huge impact on my life financially," Tremblay tells *Leaves*. "I've been forced to be fully self-supporting in a tough economy," she adds, "and the Masseys' generosity has taken a

ton of pressure off of me and my family."

Tremblay, a Peabody, MA native, is a full-time intern with Nordstrom at the Natick Collection, works regular shifts in a local restaurant and juggles an academic load at the same time. "It's been stressful," she admits, "but it's made me an independent person, able to manage living on my own."

After graduation this May, Tremblay hopes to continue on a professional path in the fashion or hospitality/event planning industries. "Lasell has shown me how to prioritize and disciplined me as a student," she says. Which is speaking the Masseys' language.

Devoted members of the Lasell family, Jo-Ann Massey has been an Overseer since 1995; Dwight, currently a member of the President's Advisory Council, is a former Lasell Overseer and Trustee.

"Providing help to college students is a benchmark for our family," Dwight tells *Leaves*. "We started to save money for our

own children's educations early on and, through the creation of trusts, provided for a full, four-year college experience for each of our five grandsons."

Their motivation to expand this generosity beyond the Massey clan? "We see supporting education as an investment in our country's future," Dwight says. "We need to get young people educated, so they can step into the world and be effective leaders." Besides, he adds, "it's fun to watch the fire in the belly begin to develop."

Which, thanks to the Masseys' support, has already been ignited for Erin Tremblay.



The Masseys.

You've been quoted as saying, "Learning is the process of transforming." Thoughts?

When students seriously engage in learning, they not only acquire new knowledge but also discipline themselves in various ways, such as getting course work done on time, cooperating with team members on group projects, showing appropriate manners in class, etc. So, a successful learning process would transform students into individuals with a high level of intellectual curiosity and behavioral characteristics that help them succeed in life.

And do you see that happening here? In general, students in my classes are quite engaged since I try to connect economic concepts to things that they find interesting and valuable. I also give them the opportunity to have their say through questions that I pose to them during lectures. The art is to excite students enough so that they respond.

What is important for your students to take away from your classes? A passion for economic issues, a passion for learning in general and desirable professional characteristics that will help them in any working environment.

Does Lasell's academic environment lend itself to your teaching style? Yes, faculty and staff are very friendly and supportive. I also enjoy the level of academic freedom here.

What is currently on your night table? *Hidden Order: The Economics of Everyday Life* by David Friedman. But I mostly do my reading online, since the Internet allows me to go from economics to law with just a few clicks. That goes very well with my interdisciplinary intellectual interests.

What are your non-academic passions? Swimming, gardening and, when needed, practicing Zen meditation to relieve stress.

Anh Le Tran

A Journey from Vietnam to Auburndale



James Collins photo



Lotus Position: Assistant Professor Tran with a favorite painting.

Anh Le Tran came to the United States from Da Nang, Vietnam in 1994, at age 17, along with his parents and sister. While studying economics as an undergraduate (and helping to manage his family's Watertown Mall nail salon), he began asking questions about basic development issues,

for example, "Why are some countries richer than others? Why are some governments good while others are bad?" Satisfactory answers to these imponderables require, among other things, "a deep understanding of economics, law and the process of globalization, where trade plays an important role," he tells *Leaves*. So, the energetic Tran earned a BA in Economics and an MBA from U-Mass/Boston, as well as a PhD in Law, Policy and Society with a focus on law, economics and trade policy, from Northeastern before entering academia. Tran, who joined the Lasell faculty in 2008, has written extensively on Vietnam's economic development issues for publications in that country and throughout Asia. *Leaves* caught up with the popular young professor in his sunny Bancroft Hall office on a recent afternoon.

Vision 2017

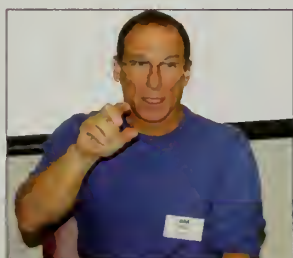
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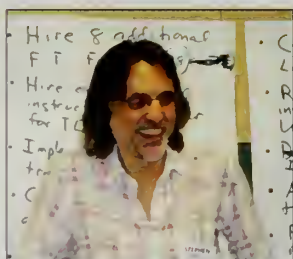
Ten years...that's the span of two strategic plans produced by members of the Lasell College community that provide the underlying structure for how the College will move forward. With leadership from President Michael B. Alexander, Lasell created the first such plan in 2007 after seven town meetings and a weekend-long retreat where Lasell community members (representing faculty, staff, students, administration, Trustees, Overseers, alumni and the Village) converged to hammer out important building blocks for the College.

The original plan created a five-year vision for Lasell, including short-term and long-term goals related to students, fundraising, enrollment, faculty, buildings and services. It also articulated Lasell's mission statement, positioning statement and made explicit the College's core values.

With that first plan coming to an end, Lasell embarked on a new strategic plan: *Vision 2017* (inserted here) which spells out what will be different about Lasell College in 2017.



Vice President for Academic Affairs James Ostrow.



Biology Professor Stephen Sarikas.



President Michael B. Alexander.

Mission

The *Vision 2017* process retained the core message of the College's mission statement but expanded the wording.

Positioning Statement

College representatives during the 2007 strategic plan meeting landed on a positioning statement that serves as the basis for Lasell College's distinctive identity.

Built on the College's "Connected Learning" educational philosophy, the process determined that "**Where the Classroom is the Real World**" is the best expression of that identity.

This positioning statement still holds strong in the new *Vision 2017* plan, although now includes the language **Experience Every Day** and **Connected Learning**.

Values

In 2007, the strategic planning process took on the College's statement of values and derived a core set of values to guide decision making across campus. They were reviewed again for *Vision 2017*, and the guiding language was enhanced.

Those values are:

- Student Focus
- Innovative Education Across the Lifespan
- Integrity, Honesty and Ethical Decision Making
- Social Responsibility, Mutual Respect and Kindness

Our Mission:

Lasell College engages students in the practice that fosters lifelong intellectual

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Plan

Vision 2017



After six town meetings, two extensive discussions at Board of Trustees' meetings and an intensive weekend-long retreat in October 2011, the Lasell College community has produced a high-level strategic plan that will provide the basis for a shared understanding of how our institution will move forward in the coming years. We want to thank the scores of people who participated in the process to produce this roadmap for the future. This report describes the consensus we reached as a result of that process. (Please note that this report covers the College only and does not include Lasell Village. The Village has developed its own strategic plan.)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael B. Alexander".

Michael B. Alexander
President

Our Mission:

Lasell College engages students

Vision 2017

What We Want the College to Become

The items below collectively present a picture of what we expect to find different about Lasell College in the Fall of 2017 from what exists today. The numbers below are meant to be minimums, not maximums. For example, we expect to have an enrollment of at least 500 graduate students by 2017; it may well be more.

Academic

- Institute on-line undergraduate and degree completion program
- Offer eight total master's degree programs
- Ensure competitive compensation for adjunct faculty (at mid-point of peer group)
- Identify two additional signature/niche programs
- Establish summer term for undergraduates (may be online)
- Require faculty to use Moodle online course management system in 100% of classes
- Increase undergraduate courses taught by full-time faculty to 67%
- Implement distinctive general education program
- Determine credit structure best suited to Connected Learning

Institutional

- Initiate capital campaign sufficient to support College goals
- Reduce electricity, gas and water consumption by 10%
- Maintain consistent first-year retention rate > 75%

Students

- Provide professional advisors for all first-year students
- Make available 24/7/365 on-line support for students
- Enroll 500 graduate students (headcount per semester)
- Enroll 1,800 undergraduate students (with at least 100 online)

Facilities

- Build new athletic center
- Renovate Wass Hall
- Renovate Valentine Dining Hall
- Renovate Woodland bathrooms
- Install SMART technology in all classrooms

Positioning Statement

Positioning is the expression of a concept that can serve as the basis for developing a strong and distinctive identity for Lasell College. We continue to feel that our identity should be built upon the strength of our distinctive educational philosophy, which we call "Connected Learning."

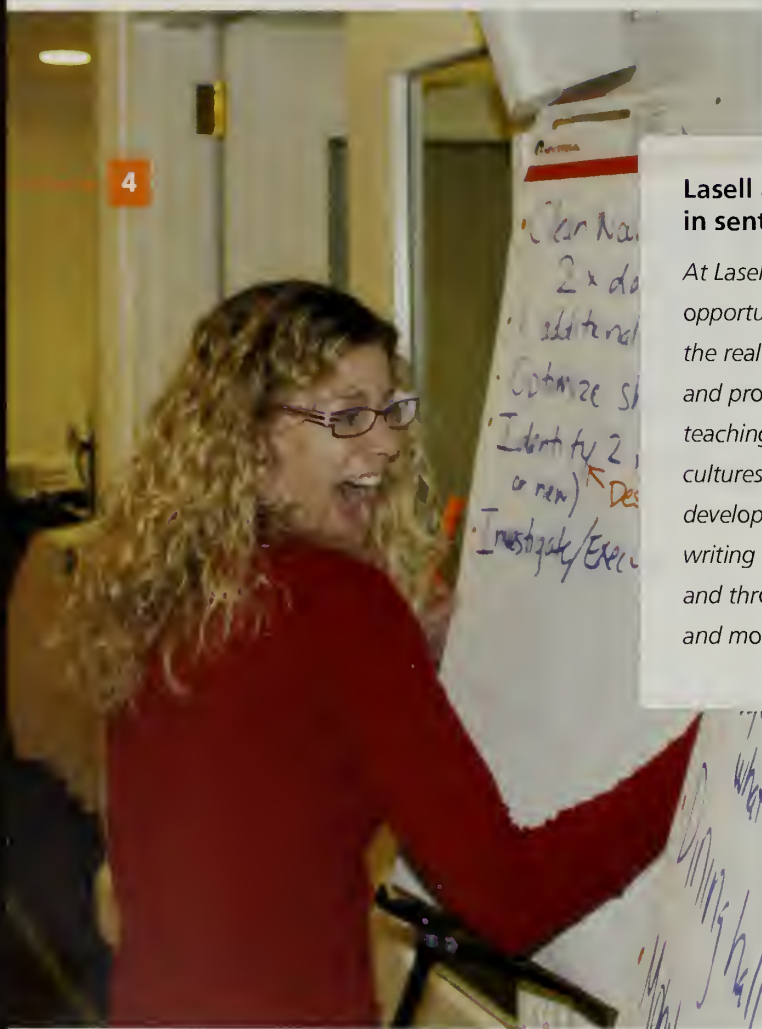
We have expressed this concept in various ways, including the phrases on this page.

What Distinctive Spot Can We Own in the Market?

Where the Classroom is the Real World

Experience Every Day

Connected Learning



Lasell also expresses its position in sentences such as:

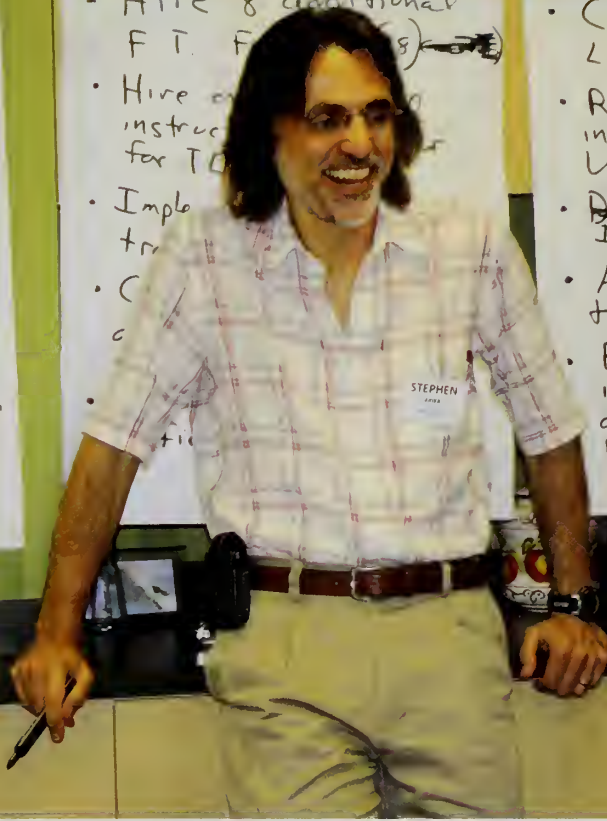
At Lasell we give our students the opportunity to practice and prepare for the real world through a project-based and problem-based approach to teaching, through exposure to diverse cultures and peoples, through the development of critical skills such as writing and speaking in front of groups and through confrontation with ethical and moral questions.

through collaborative learning

Faculty + Staff + students
collaboratively to increase
enrollment by at least 100.
Increase retention rate
by 2%
Hire 3 professional advisors
Have a competitive analysis
to increase adjunct salaries,
(increase effective by
Fall, 2012)

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- Review of the infrastructural needs in Wass
- Develop 2 new Grad programs Identify
- Adapt Jim Tweed's plan to highlight C. L.
- Feasibility Study to identify potential donors for next Lasell Fund Campaign.



Values

The values we hold that guide our daily decision making:

- Student Focus
- Innovative Education Across the Lifespan
- Integrity, Honesty and Ethical Decision Making
- Social Responsibility, Mutual Respect and Kindness

As we make decisions we should always be asking ourselves the question: What best contributes to the learning and development of students? We acknowledge that this attitude of putting the intellectual and personal development of students first should infuse the work of every department and service at the College as well as the academic program.



that fosters lifelong

Short-term Objectives (next 12 months)

We agreed upon a list of short-term objectives that, when achieved over the next 12 months, would advance us towards Vision 2017.

Those objectives that can make the biggest difference to the success of our vision are:

- 1 Add at least one professional advisor for all first-year students.
- 2 Conduct market research and identify possible new signature programs.
- 3 Use Moodle in 100% of classes (for attendance, assignments, grades).
- 4 Hire eight new full-time faculty.

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intellectual exploration

University Status

In accordance with the Board of Trustees' request that we continue to discuss the issue of university status, the President asked participants to read a memo that presented the advantages and disadvantages of changing the name of the institution to Lasell University. He took a pre-discussion straw vote in which just over one-fourth of participants indicated they are in favor of making the change. He then asked the question: What would we need to do to feel good about changing to university status?

The group generated a list of actions or changes. After discussion, the President asked for a second straw vote. Assuming 50% of the items occurred, two-thirds of the participants indicated they would be in favor of the change.

What would we need to do to feel good about changing to university status?
What would we need to do differently?
Below are some of the items that rose to the top of the list.



What Matters?

...size, graduate programming, academic reputation, on-line education, community support, doctoral program, technology, marketing...

and **social responsibility.**

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Community representatives who attended the Strategic Planning Retreat September 30 - October 2, 2011 at Lasell Village

Michael B. Alexander, President
Diane Austin, VP/Student Affairs
Lynn Blake, Chair/Fashion Dept; Assoc Professor/Fashion
Richard Blankstein, Board of Trustees
Steve Bloom, Assoc VP/Academic Affairs; Professor/English
Kathryn Bryne, Director/Human Resources
Ed Christiansen, Board of Overseers/Neighbor/
Community Representative
Joan Dolamore, Dean/Graduate & Professional Studies
Pamela Faria, Executive Assistant to the President
Adrienne Franciosi, Director/Graduate Admission
Michelle Gaseau, Director/Communications
Deborah Gelch, Chief Information Officer
Sarahbeth Golden, Asst Professor/Psychology
Jennifer Granger, Director/Student Activities & Orientation
Susan Hass, Board of Trustees (Treasurer)
Michael Hoyle, VP/Business & Finance
Dana Janbek, Asst Professor/Public Relations
Tulin Johansson, Chair/Accounting & Finance
Dept/Asst Professor/Economics
Carolyn Kenniston '12, Undergraduate Student
Representative/SGA President
Tom Koerber, Director/Plant Operations & Public Safety
Mark LaFrance, Director/Development

Scott Lamphere, Director/Residential Life
Melanie Larson, Director/Institutional Research
Chris Lynett '09 MSM, Director/Web & Electronic Communication
Mark Mendell, Board of Trustees
Kevin Moloney '14, Undergraduate Student
Representative/SGA VP Academic Affairs
Marilyn Negip, Director/Brennan Library
Kate O'Connor, VP/Enrollment Management
Jim Ostrow, VP/Academic Affairs
Jennifer Ostrowski, Faculty Chair; Asst Professor/Athletic Training
Paula Panchuck, VP/Lasell Village
Diane Parker, Asst VP/Finance
Lisa Pedulla, Leadership Annual Giving Officer/Institutional Advancement
Dianne Polizzi, Registrar
Monicellia Pruitt '12 MSM, Graduate Student Representative
Katie Ryan '67, Lasell Alumni, Inc; Admin Asst/Academic Affairs
Stephen Sarikas, Professor/Biology
Ruth Shuman, VP/Institutional Advancement
Marge Silver, Lasell Village Representative
Tom Sullivan, Director/Center for Spiritual Life
Jim Tweed, Dean/Undergraduate Admission
Kristy Walter, Director/Athletics
Cathy Zeek, Chair/Education Dept; Assoc Professor/Education

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Strategic Plan



The East-West residences.



The Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts.

What we've accomplished...

Listed at right are goals that Lasell met after implementing its first strategic plan (2007-2012).

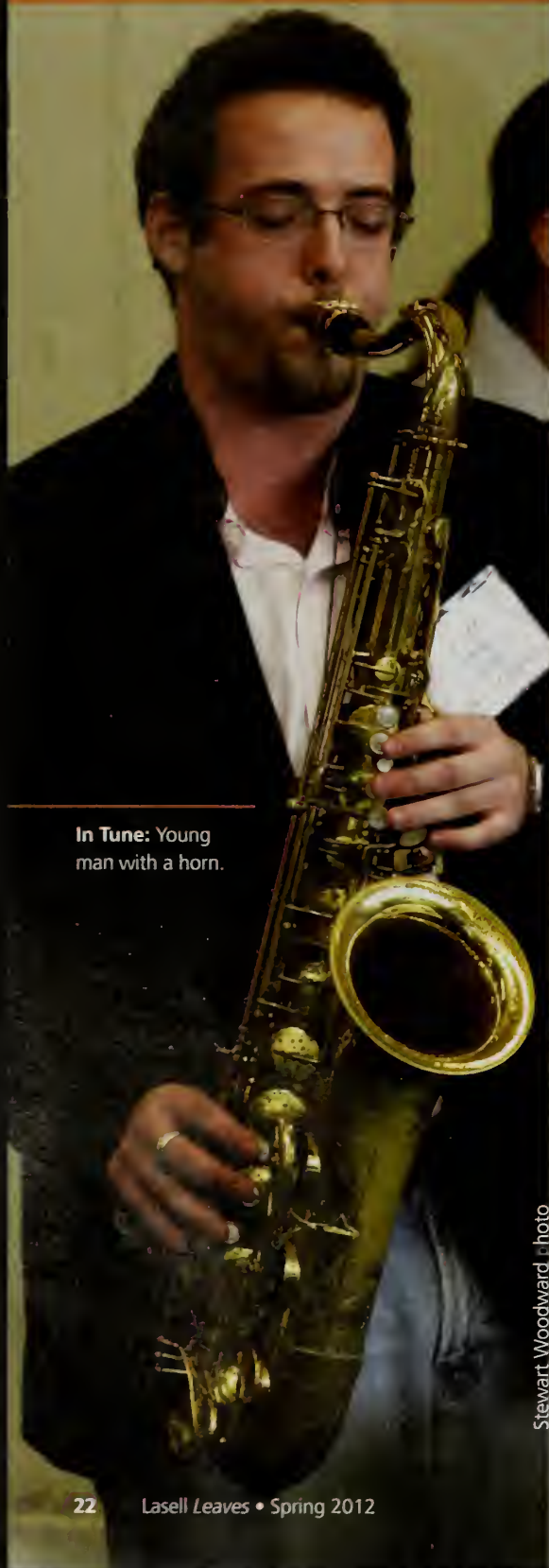
Accomplishments

- Clearly defined physical campus with entrances and beautification efforts
- Students – 1,600 undergraduates
- Four service learning abroad programs
- Four new Master's degree programs
- Three new athletic teams
- Staff increased by 20%
- Diversity: Faculty/Staff 10% minority each
- Diversity: Undergraduate students 18% minority, 35% male
- Re-construction of two buildings on Myrtle Avenue into the Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts
- Three new residence halls
- IT, library, shuttle, food services open until midnight, five days/week
- Expanded evening nurse coverage

of their **fields of study** through collaborative learning **exploration** and **social responsibility**.

Brett Walberg '12

Lasell's Own *Jazz Monster*



In Tune: Young man with a horn.

Stewart Woodward photo

Hailing from Blackstone, a small Western Massachusetts community nationally recognized for its public school music program, Brett Walberg '12 came to Lasell with both a saxophone and a soccer ball. He originally planned to star on Lasell's Grellier Field, but now, at the end of his college career, he has embraced the limelight of the jazz club scene.

A transfer from Westfield State University, Walberg arrived in Auburndale an Athletic Training major but soon transitioned to Exercise Science, with an eye towards chiropractic school after graduation. But make no mistake; his underlying goal is to do what he loves most: make music.

From the fourth grade, when he first picked up the saxophone and flew through the beginner's book, Walberg felt the pull toward music. Today, his love for jazz is unconditional, made even more appealing by the iconic scene attached to it.

"Nothing will ever eclipse music," says Walberg, who has an almost encyclopedic knowledge of jazz history and the genre's lingo.

His first gig under his name was last year at the Lily Pad in Cambridge, a venue where he has been an intent student—watching, learning and rubbing shoulders with jazz celebrities like tenor sax man Jerry Bergonzi.

"I'm starstruck sometimes, I can't help it," Walberg confesses. But when

he plays his horn, he is cool and the butterflies never come.

"I don't do nervous, music is really natural to me," says the Lasell senior, whose influences include greats Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Lawrence Welk.

Walberg hopes to take his jazz in a multicultural direction, developing a World Music vibe.

A self-described "30-year-old since the age of 16," Walberg works up to 300 days a year, with gigs already booked through November 2012.

Walberg credits Lasell for providing him with more than an education. It is at the College

"Nothing will ever eclipse music," says Walberg, who has an almost encyclopedic knowledge of jazz history and the genre's lingo.

where he made many worthwhile connections with professors and used his classes as a platform to learn from the diverse range of individuals he encountered.

His motto? Personal and intellectual growth means more than a good grade.

And now, with graduation fast approaching, Walberg has mapped out his next step: a move to Iowa for chiropractic school and, ultimately, a stable day job to support a budding music career.

But Walberg also has an ulterior motive for the new location...he'll be closer to Chicago with its plethora of jazz clubs, where he hopes to make his name.

With the right combination of talent and luck, the soon-to-be Lasell alum might be known around the Windy City as a jazz monster—not a bad gig.



On Balance: In the "resource" room.

James Collins photo

'Lasell Helped Me Become the Person That I Am Today'

A Fashion Design and Production major as an undergraduate, Ginnie Chow '05 is now the associate product line manager for apparel at New Balance Corporation's headquarters. Translation: She resources fabrics from all over the world to use for New Balance garments, stays on top of international events to bring a global sensibility to the design process and acts as liaison between merchandisers and factories. And she loves it. The suburban Rochester, NY native—an enthusiastic young ambassador for Lasell—invited *Leaves* behind the scenes at the company's Allston offices for a peek into her professional life.

Extra Credit

Q&A

Ginnie Chow '05

• **Why did you choose Lasell?**

I wanted to attend an academic-based college. Although I knew I might not have much need to quote Shakespeare in the fashion industry, I do enjoy reading his plays.

• **What does "global sourcing" mean, exactly?**

Finding factories around the world to place production, negotiate costs and monitor quality assurance. You also need to stay on top of current events. A natural disaster, for example, could delay a fabric order; a drop in cotton prices on the other side of the world could have an impact.

• **Where do you see yourself professionally in five years?**

Hopefully, in management here at New Balance or another company. I enjoy creating strong business partnerships with factories, engaging with the creative process and seeing the products I've worked on come to life in retail settings.

• **Hobbies?**

Yoga, running, drawing, travel and volunteering at a local food pantry, a very humbling experience.

• **Your alma mater clearly means a lot to you. Say more.**

My experience at Lasell helped me become the person that I am today. I enjoyed my classes, established great relationships with my professors and, as a resident assistant, helped create a sense of community with the students who shared the residence hall.

• **Why is it important for young alums to "give something back" to Lasell?**

Lasell wouldn't be the school it is today without the support of its alumni. I'm sure my own undergraduate years would have been drastically different; my financial aid might not have been as generous, my life as an RA not as rewarding. I want to see the College grow. Even though it's still early in my career, I give what I can every year.

Laser Lights



James Collins photo

Twin Sets: (L to R) Jake Salkovitz '13, Brendan Jordan '14 and Josh Sullivan '12 stand tall before practice at Grellier Field.

Game (Faces) On

All three played varsity baseball in high school.

All three are confident the Red Sox will make it to the post-season this year (and give special shout-outs to Dustin Pedroia and Jon Lester).

And all three hope to work in the world of pro sports after college. Statistically speaking, not remarkable for members of Lasell's Men's Varsity Baseball team.

But what are the odds that three of the teammates would each have a twin sibling?!

Meet Jacob Salkovitz '13, Brendan Jordan '14 and Joshua Sullivan '12, each of whom has a twin brother or sister. Salkovitz, who hails from Brockton, MA, has a twin sister who is also a student-athlete at Lasell (Samantha Salkovitz '13). Jordan, a Rocky Hill, CT native, has a twin brother, Chris, at Springfield (MA) College. And Sullivan, from Rockland, MA, is a twin to Jayson at Plymouth (MA) State.

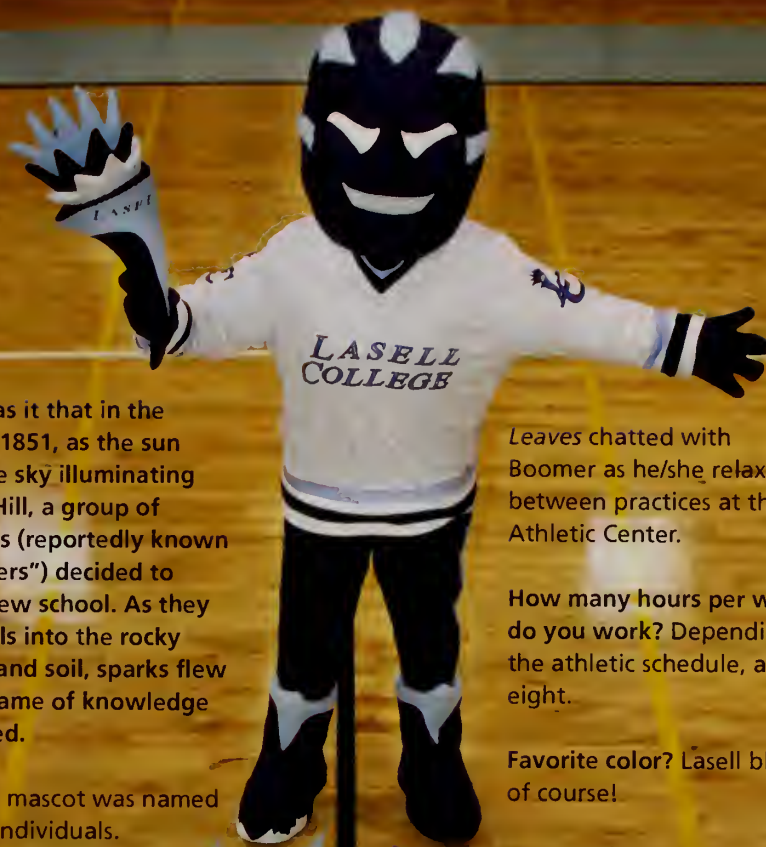
The trio is among the key returners for Laser Baseball this season, its fourth as an NCAA program. "We have a very tight knit group with great teammates striving for the same goal," says Coach Greg Harjula, who adds he is "relying heavily" on the team's pitching staff and defense to win games. Which means Salkovitz, Sullivan and Jordan have "twin" challenges to meet (and likely finesse) on the field of play.

► Athletic Shorts

Of note from the 2011-2012 Fall and Winter Lasell sports seasons:

- The **Women's Soccer** team won the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) regular season and tournament championship to earn their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament.
- Women's Soccer goalkeeper **Elizabeth Stickley '12** was named GNAC Defensive Player of the Year and was selected to the All-New England Region Fourth Team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- **Danielle Drapeau '12** set a new record for blocks in Women's Volleyball with 297 in her career. Danielle also became the second player in school history to go over the 1,000 kill mark, finishing her career with 1,164 kills.
- Women's Volleyball players **Meghan Crozier '12** and **Jenna Lynn Geary '12** passed the 1,000 dig milestone, tallying 1,059 and 1,012 digs, respectively.
- The **Men's Basketball** team finished tied for third in the GNAC during the regular season and advanced to the conference tournament semifinals.
- Men's Basketball player **Javon Williams '12** topped the 1,500 career point mark in an 89-77 victory over Suffolk University. Williams ended his collegiate career ranked in the top three in school history in almost every statistical category, finishing with 1,772 points, 719 rebounds, 171 assists, 171 steals, 111 blocks and a 56% field goal percentage.
- Men's Basketball player **Sean Bertanza '13** scored his 1,000th career point in an 88-64 victory over Norwich University.
- **Alum James Martin '03** was named head coach of the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams as well as the Women's and Men's Indoor Track and Field teams, after spending seven years as an assistant coach for both programs.
- Fifteen Lasell student-athletes have been named to the **GNAC All-Conference Teams** through the Fall and Winter seasons.

Boom, Boom, Boom... Boomer!



William T. Dempsey '13 photo

Legend has it that in the Spring of 1851, as the sun rose in the sky illuminating Bragdon Hill, a group of individuals (reportedly known as "boomers") decided to found a new school. As they put shovels into the rocky New England soil, sparks flew and the flame of knowledge was ignited.

Our trusty mascot was named for these individuals.

It's been three years since Boomer's introduction to campus. And, let's face it, he (she?) has been a hit.

Leaves chatted with Boomer as he/she relaxed between practices at the Athletic Center.

How many hours per week do you work? Depending on the athletic schedule, about eight.

Favorite color? Lasell blue, of course!

Favorite food? Chicken fingers and French fries at the Arnow Campus Center.

Best thing about being Boomer? The cheers from the fans.

Worst thing about being Boomer? It's tough to drink water in this get-up.

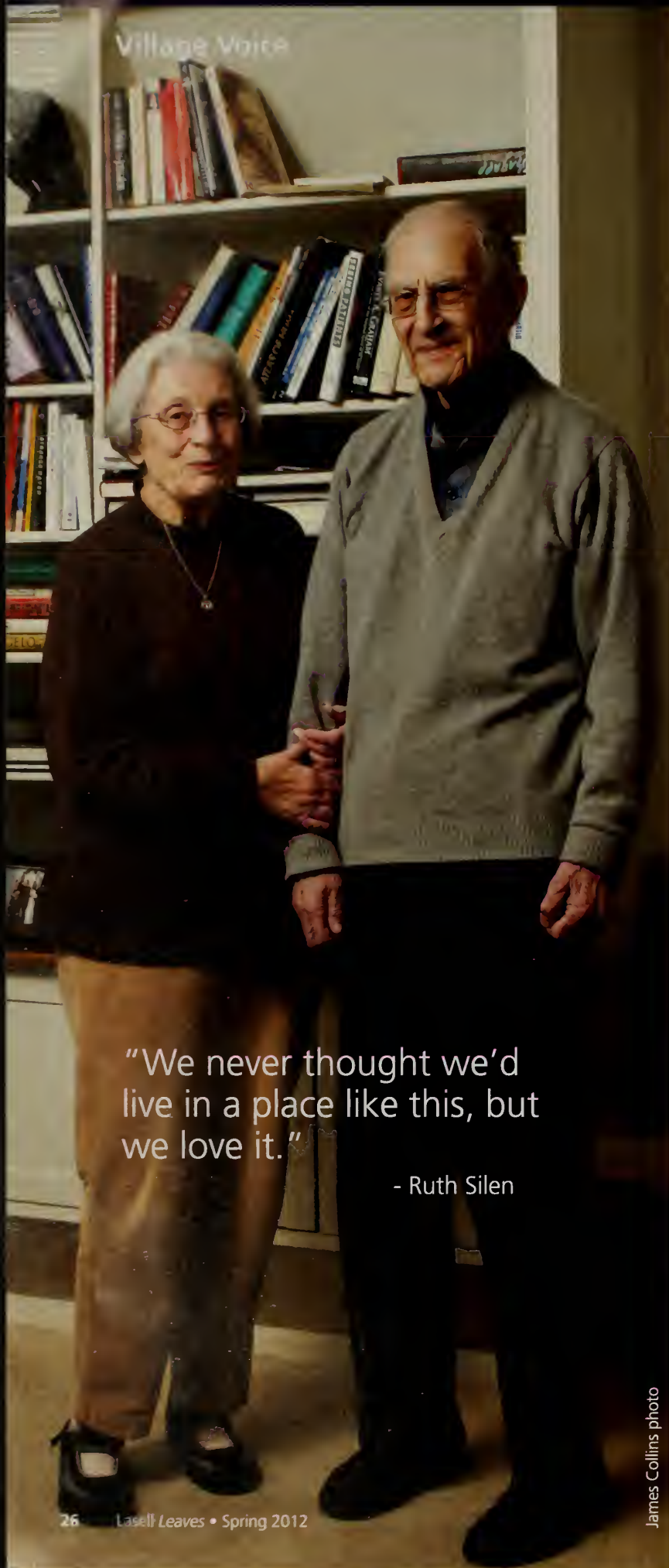
Favorite sports season? Winter. It's hot under this disguise!

(Thanks, Boomer, for taking the heat under that uniform. We may never know who you really are, but we love you all the same!)

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"We never thought we'd live in a place like this, but we love it."

- Ruth Silen

Side by Side with The Silens

William "Bill" Silen and Ruth Heppner Silen are San Francisco natives, both raised in that city's Richmond district, close by Golden Gate Park. They met in high school, went on to the University of California at Berkeley together and wed in 1947. In their 65 years of married life, the scientist couple has lived in the Bay Area, Denver and Weston, MA, raised three children (a psychiatrist, a pediatric surgeon and an attorney) and enjoyed brilliant careers along the way.

Since 2008, they've shared a spacious apartment at Lasell Village, where photos of their three children, their three grandchildren and new great-grandson adorn the sunny rooms. "We never thought we'd live in a place like this, but we love it," Ruth says. "It took all of 24 hours to feel at home."

Ruth, a BA in Bacteriology from Berkeley, has conducted research in ophthalmology and parasitology at the University of California School of Medicine, holds an MSW in Social Work from Simmons College in Boston and practiced social work from 1974 to 1989 at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has done volunteer work throughout her life, most recently at the Village's Lasell House where she regularly visits with long-term patients, most of whom are residents, and also with patients who are there for shorter stays.

Bill, a BA from Berkeley, an MD from the University of California School of Medicine at San Francisco and an Honorary MA from Harvard, was surgeon-in-chief at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital from 1966-1994. He currently holds the titles of Johnson & Johnson Professor of Surgery, Emeritus and Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Emeritus. The mild-mannered medical luminary remains active instructing, writing and working with medical students at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Silen's awards, academic honors and board memberships could fill volumes; his publications are prolific. Perhaps the professional contribution of which he is most proud, he tells *Leaves*, is his success in "helping to open doors for women and minorities in surgery."

James Collins photo



Now: Ruth and Bill Silen at home...

The retired (but not retiring) surgeon and social worker live a full and engaged life on Seminary Avenue, a welcoming address, Ruth says, that "self-selects a stimulating group of residents who've had interesting lives and are ready and willing to learn." Bill chairs the Residents' Medical Advisory Committee at the Village; Ruth, the Residents' Advisory Council.

Daily life for the couple is a healthy mix of time spent together and time spent separately, "where we each go off and do our own thing," Bill says. Longtime subscribers to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Silens enjoy the Village's classical music programs, exercise classes and daily dinners in the dining room with a full dance card of conversant, like-minded table companions. A fiction lover, Ruth is in a book club at Lasell Village, a new experience for her.

The educational component of Village life is crucial to their comfort level and expanding interests, Bill adds. "We were both scientists," Ruth smiles. "We're trying to make up for not having studied art and history while in college."

In that spirit, what were the culture-loving scientists planning to tackle after *Leaves'* recent visit? "Catching up on *Masterpiece Classic's Downton Abbey* episodes," Bill says "so we can see what all the fuss is about!"



...and then, on their 1947 wedding day.

Giving Back

Hamel Visitor Center Opens New Doors

The newly refurbished Hamel Visitor Center, at the center of campus, provided a perfect backdrop for Lasell's annual Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner in October. Members of the Hamel family (including, below center, Karen Hamel Simas and Dana Hamel before a portrait of Kathryn "Kay" Poore Hamel '49), Lasell Trustees, Overseers and special guests enjoyed the formal dedication of the elegant building, a reception on its gracious front porch and dinner (with some vocalizing by Lasell's First Lady, Mary Barbara Alexander) under a backyard tent. Hamel now serves as the welcoming home of the College's Admission Office.



Ryan Miner photos

Spring 2012

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Class Notes

Timeless

Lasell's 1945 senior class
assembles for the annual
Torchlight Parade,
a venerable College tradition.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In the interest of protecting the privacy of our alumni, it is the policy of the Office of Alumni Relations not to divulge contact information. Please use the online community, www.lasellalumni.org, to search for your classmates. The content of *Class Notes* is based on material submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations. We cannot verify the factual content of each entry. Submissions printed in this issue were received by March 5, 2012. If you are interested in being a class secretary, please e-mail Emily Alter at ealter@lasell.edu.

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Connie Hatch Herron lives in her own home in Kittery, ME. Her "helpful" son lives nearby. Connie has been getting physical therapy for her shoulder and is feeling better.

Faye Wadhams Smith is heading to Virginia to visit her daughter and new great-granddaughter who was born 11/11/11. Afterwards, Faye will travel to Ann Arbor, MI.

Arlene Wishart Sylvester, Connie Hatch Herron and Faye Wadhams Smith agree that they are hanging in there to celebrate their 75th Lasell reunion in June 2013. Arlene says, "We hope to mark the occasion with more than just the three of us."

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70th Reunion!

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Nancy Brown Young plays bridge three times a week. She has four grown children and lives in an apartment which adjoins one child's home. Nancy keeps in touch with **Doris Bellinger Dodds**.

Dorie Crathern French has six granddaughters and one great-grandson. She and **Lynn Blodgett Williamson** visit often. They have been friends since high school.

Mildred "Sis" Day Clements is taking riding lessons on a sulky racing horse. Mildred says proudly that her granddaughter received a full scholarship to Howard University.

Rose Emer Bucalo and her daughters took a trip to the Bahamas and Venice.

In the Fall **Naomi Kahrmanian Kuzoian** traveled to Armenia and is planning her next trip to Turkey.

Betty MacEwen House is an avid bridge player.

Three years ago **Ruth Nordstrand Emery** moved to Brooksby Village, a retirement living community in Danvers, MA.

Hailing from Bainbridge Island, WA, **Betty Wilks Hulbert** enjoys walking on rural roads.

Hot off the press is a new book, *Nashua People and Places*, authored by **Meri Zanleoni Goyette** along with the Nashua (NH) Historical Society. The book is a tribute to past and present Nashua philanthropists, supporters and community advocates as well as prominent Nashua landmarks. "It was a labor of love," Meri tells *Class Notes*.

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65th Reunion!

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49 **Nancy Irwin Van Dorn** wonders, "Are any of my classmates on Facebook? I would love to hear from you." To join the Lasell College Alumni & Friends Facebook page, go to: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lasell-College-Alumni-and-Friends/135703308400?ref=tn_tnmn

For the past 16 years, **Ellen Morris Phillips** has been living in New Jersey and teaching pre-school. She says, "I walk to work, since I live down the street from the school." Ellen boasts of using a cell phone and driving a car but admits to not having a computer. She wishes she could "be back at Lasell majoring in child development."

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Our sincere condolences to **Anita Angelus Koulopoulos** on the death of her husband in 2011.

"Please call me if you want to share any tidbits for *Class Notes*. I am happy to be our class secretary," **Marni Nahigian Sarkisian** says.



In the Pink: Leona St. Germain Landon '39 celebrated her 100th birthday late last year at a party with family and friends at which she reminisced warmly about her years at the College.

Anne Nettleship Teets is active in her church and volunteers at the local food bank. She enjoys visits to her children in Arizona and Michigan.

As a new member of the Norwell Garden Club, **Jackie Paulding Hauser** judges flower show competitions. She also chairs the scholarship committee for the Lasell Alumni Board.

Shirley Richman Miller has had two successful hip surgeries. She now enjoys day trips with other seniors.

Barbara Seppala Adams has a "new joy in her life"—a fifth grandchild. Barbara likes walking her dog and nature walks.

Lois Schaller Toegemann winters in Bradenton, FL, where she gets together with a group of Lasell friends. She enjoys the warm climate of Florida as opposed to the cold New England winters.

"I have a nice social life," says **Joan Wallace Billings**, who recently had knee surgery.

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Kathrine Aslanian Sivazlian was sorry to miss the 60th reunion but has fond memories of the 50th.

Kit Ballard Heck heard from **Cynthia Porter Horton** at Christmas. Cynthia has two daughters and several grandchildren.

Mary Jane Clark Maurici attended her 60th Lasell reunion and "couldn't believe all the changes on campus."

Nancy Cusack Smith lives in New Jersey and summers in Rye, NH.

Priscilla Freeman Martin lives on Mercer Island in Washington State.

For the past 18 years **Shirley "Dusty" Hannafin Adams** has been living in Connecticut. She and her husband have their own wine cellar and have been on wine tours in France, Italy, Spain and Portugal. They now limit their travels to visiting family in Georgia and California and to attending wine dinners in Boston. Dusty is active in a women's golf association and volunteers at a women's exchange where profits go to local charities. Dusty says, "We can't control our age in years, but we can control our age by staying active."

"We are mature, not elderly," says **Lois Hutchinson Woodward**. Lois' family of 18 includes 10 grandchildren. "Shopping for birthdays is a full-time job." In her spare time Lois makes handmade birthday cards. Class Secretary **Elaine Quavillon Tull**, a recipient of two of Lois' cards, says, "They are magnificent." Lois has designated rooms in her home for her counted cross-stitch and scrapbook hobbies. She plays golf weekly.

Beverly Pink Reynolds and her husband traveled extensively in their camper van; her favorite trip was to Alaska. Bev has been singing for the past 76 years because "music is my tranquilizer." She keeps in touch

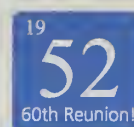
with **Nancy Cusack Smith** and **Pat Raeder Crone**.

After retiring nine years ago **Harriet Schwarz Ryan** once again returned to the theater as a director. She has also taken up tap dancing, fulfilling a lifelong ambition. She has four married sons, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

Unable to attend her 60th reunion, **Doris Stewart Sutton** was serving as registrar at a Virginia convention.

Our sincere condolences to **Janet Underwood Wall** on the death of her husband. Janet keeps in touch with **Jo-Ann Vojir Massey**.

From Oakland, ME **Joan Williams Arnold** sends best wishes.



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Our sincere condolences to **Joan Beeley Hopkins** whose youngest son died of a brain tumor. Joan and her husband live in England. Joan's email is: joanDhopkins@aol.com.

Carolyn Chapin Snyder has two daughters who graduated from Lasell, **Pamela Snyder McLaren '76** and **Deborah Snyder Zenaty '77**. Carolyn and her husband celebrated their 57th anniversary and live in Weston, MA. "I hope to be at the next reunion," Carolyn says.

"Life is good," reports **Nancy Goodman Cobin**. Nancy and her husband live in Sarasota, FL in the winter and spend summers on the Cape.



Clark Class: Four "Clark Girls" from the Class of 1954 had a mini-reunion at the Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill in Farmington, CT in December. (L to R) Judy Stone Grabar, Ruth Murdick Walker, Corinne Coyle Lydem and Judy Hansen.

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"I am always awaiting phone calls, e-mails or letters from my classmates for *Class Notes*," Class Secretary **Bobbie Jennings** reports. "**Nancy Goodman Cobin** and I were roommates in Gardner. We are both wondering about our third roommate, **Sally Sherman Pulfer**."

A retiree and widow, **Cynthia Raymond Paalborg** joined several art groups and enjoys occasional recognition for her art work. She lives on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

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Sandy Davis Hudson lives in Arizona and spends summers in Maine. She has 15 grandchildren and nine greats with the 10th due shortly. "They all live within 15 miles of us in Arizona so their activities keep us busy." Sandy reports that on a recent fishing trip with her daughter and family, they caught 600 pounds of fish between them and had a great time.

Nancy Freud Harring and her husband will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in June. They have three children, seven grandchildren and three greats. Nancy says, "Our Lasell days seem long ago." Currently Nancy sings with the Sweet Adeline Chorus in Maryland. "It keeps me busy, and I love it. My husband says it keeps me out of the malls." Nancy keeps in touch with **Beverly Blacker LePage**, **Patricia Hayes Schoeller**, **Marilyn Mingle Gemberling** and **Elaine Richardson Lefebvre**.

Sally Herman DeRosa

proudly reports that her granddaughter, **Ainsley Wolfe '12**, will graduate from Lasell in May. "Ainsley is a third-generation Lasell graduate. My daughter, **Betsy DeRosa Wolfe '79**, is also a Lasell grad. I have enjoyed watching the wonderful growth of Lasell for many years."

Janet Parmenter Bogardus lives on the Cape year-round but escapes to Florida for six weeks during the winter. She is still

involved with real estate. Janet has been married 39 years. She and her husband have six children between them, 17 grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild in June. Janet and **Toni Kennedy Gelotte** like to meet for lunch, dinner or a movie. Janet also keeps in touch with **Donna Schmitt Gormley** who hails from Michigan.

"...an extra special hello to the Gardner Girls."

— Carol Cunningham Hoyt '58

Thirty-seven years ago, **Ann Pasquale Kibort** relocated to Saratoga, CA after a second marriage. Recently her daughter had a business trip to London and suggested that Ann join her. "I couldn't resist." Ann's husband is a retired United Airlines pilot, "so I

easily plan yearly trips to Europe with friends." Ann says, "I have fond memories of Lasell, living in Woodland Hall, the Barn and strolling the many paths to classes."

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website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

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Mary Ann Fuller Young

represented Lasell at the presidential inauguration at Vermont Technical College in September. She had this to say about the experience: "It was a gorgeous Vermont day complete with mountain views, apples, pumpkins, a lavish lunch and excellent desserts. Thank you for the opportunity to represent dear Lasell."

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Carol Cunningham Hoyt

writes, "Thinking of everyone on this glorious day. How did life happen so quickly? My best to all, but an extra special hello to the Gardner Girls."

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"I can check off playing my Bodhran (Irish drum) from my bucket list," says **Laine Butler Ryan**. "In November I toured Ireland with May Kelley's Session Players, a group of 10 musicians who plays traditional Irish music every Sunday afternoon in a New Hampshire pub. We toured Ireland during the day and played in a different Irish pub every night for a week. It was grand!"



Into the Mystic: Lasell alums (L to R) Jane Cutting Longmire '66, Joan Vaidulas Winterson '65, Debbie O'Neill Aspinwall '66 and Donna Wyman O'Driscoll '66 gathered in June 2010 at Mason's Island Yacht Club in Mystic, CT to celebrate the wedding of Aspinwall's daughter.

The 'Class' of '61...at 70!

LASELL COLLEGE

It has been a special year for the women of 1961, as they turned 70 years old! Here's how 31 of that cohort celebrated their special passage into another decade:

Wilma "Bubs" Baird: My sons rented a house in Key West, FL where we went for several days and had a fabulous time.

Gail Bingle Staunton: My husband, son, daughter, their spouses and my grandchildren took me to my favorite restaurant for dinner. To keep the celebration going, **Barbara Seremet Smith** also took me out to dinner. I, in turn, reciprocated on her special day.

Carolyn Bird Murray: My three daughters planned a celebration for me at the beautiful Longfellow House and Gardens in Portland, ME. Lots of friends, including **Barbara Carberry Haddad** who gave a toast, donated money in my name toward a children's gate at the entrance of the Longfellow Garden.

Judy Broggi Nicolosi: My husband and I rented a villa in Sicily, ate our way down the gorgeous Amalfi Coast and drove through historic Normandy. Bella!

Laine Butler Ryan: Since my birthday fell on Thanksgiving, my daughter, son and their families came to visit for the holiday weekend. Highlights included a visit to Santa's Village and an evening of music at my favorite Irish pub. After the holidays, my husband and I took a Windstar cruise to the Caribbean.

Marty Dazley Cottone: I spent my birthday on Kaanapali Beach in Maui. The Hawaii weather was perfect, and the condo was beautiful. A highlight was when the divers plunged into the water at sundown to extinguish their torches.

Diane Despard Hellerung: I had a blast. I spent the weekend with a group of my high-school friends on a beach in Avalon, NJ.

Alexandra Engelhardt Tomes: I celebrated with a group of close friends and their spouses at a summer home on a Wisconsin lake. We enjoyed fantastic food, nightly gourmet dinners, camaraderie and cruises on the lake with wine and hors d'oeuvres. They surprised me with a birthday cake and a basket of gifts.

Joan Franke Neustaedter: I got together with a group of six 'old' and close friends for a long weekend at The Hershey Hotel in Pennsylvania. Highlights included reminiscing, lots of photos, a cocktail hour in front of an enormous fireplace, wonderful dinners and a luxurious spa.

Milly Gillis Pereira and **Linda Leser Hughes** celebrated their birthday together on a Norwegian Sun cruise to the Baltics and Copenhagen. The most exciting port was in St. Petersburg (Russia) with our private guide. It was a great trip with wonderful memories.

Joan Gozzi Gridley: My sister had a party for me at our condo clubhouse. Since it was almost Halloween, most everyone dressed up in costume. I was a temptress with a long blond wig. I had to prove that 'I've still got it.' The double takes were priceless; the food and being with friends and relatives was the best.

Lela Graham Moses: My husband and I celebrated with a relaxing dinner at a nice restaurant. I am still on a learning curve with the iPhone 4S that was my birthday present.

Betty Hood: I was on a Baltic cruise, at sea, somewhere between Germany and Estonia on my special day. It was fantastic!

Joan Houston Thorne: I celebrated with a two-week cruise to the Caribbean.

Laura Jensen Hyer: Las Vegas saw the invasion of three 70-year-old gals whom I've known since grammar school. We spent most of our time talking, but Las Vegas made it more memorable. We had a ball!

Gwen Johnson Redding: We combined my birthday with our 50th wedding anniversary, which fall three days apart. We had a party at a local B&B with family and friends. Our grandchildren performed. I had a wonderful time reliving old memories and making new ones.

Carole Kirschner Wilson: My family took me to a log cabin that sleeps 17 in North Carolina overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. We played games and had a blast.

Lynn LaFontaine Dixon: I never imagined getting this old but still feeling, for the most part, great. I spent my 70th birthday with my family at a special dinner. The year was marred, however, after learning of the death of my Lasell roommate, **Bobbi Kerzner Lerman**.

Carole Lamson Burpee: My friends in Florida gave me a surprise party. It made it a little easier to accept being 'elderly,' although most of the time I do not feel it.

Phyllis Milano: I went to see the *Don Giovanni* opera in Naples, FL. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Dorothy Musche: Wilma "Bubs" Baird invited me to her home in Vero Beach, FL to celebrate my birthday. We ate at Captain Hiram's Restaurant, enjoyed fun cocktails and ate lobsters.

Marie Pelargonio Hall: I celebrated my birthday with surgery to remove my spleen. However, in December, we went on a Disney cruise with my daughter and her family. I have a lot to be thankful for—even if I am spleen-less.

Diane Princer Lezama: I received some birthday cards, my phone continually rang, my family took me out to dinner and my husband surprised me with a call from Mexico just before I went to bed. It was just another birthday and just another day.

Karla Robinson Dunham: I played golf with my older brother and his best friend (my second 'big' brother) and played well. My nephew and his wife took me out to dinner to my favorite Cape Cod restaurant in Chatham. It was a glorious day!

Carol "Shu" Schumacher Dougherty: I celebrated my 70th zip-lining in Costa Rica with my daughter, son, their spouses and my six grandchildren.

Marsha Shapiro Carpenter: I went to see a live production of *Jersey Boys* and then out to dinner at P.F. Chang.

Donna Skillings Kessler: Golfing and lunch with friends, then dinner and entertainment at Coconut Point, FL with my husband. I love being 70!

Cynthia Smith Coleman: My husband and I spent a week in NYC. We saw three shows, toured many museums and enjoyed good food. The following week five of my best friends and I went to Punta Mita, Mexico. What could be better?!

Judy Sylvia Kamienski: I celebrated with my kids, grandkids, sisters and brother-in-law. Everyone pampered me, cooked for me and blessed me with presents. The best part was having my whole family together.

Gail Warren Barry: My husband and I took a Mediterranean cruise from Miami, FL to Barcelona, Spain. It was fabulous!





Sandwich Sisters: In a bit of serendipity, alums Jane Norcross Bodrie '68 (left) and Sara Elliott Wiesbock '72 now work together in the same Cape Cod real estate office.

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50th Reunion!

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In 2005 when Hurricane Katrina hit, **Marcia Madden Heist** realized that her freshman roommate, **Elaine Sproul Belham**, lived blocks from the ocean in Gulfport, Mississippi. "I posted search notices on several websites and contacted the American Red Cross. A few days later I received word that Elaine and her family had suffered minimal damage." Marcia and Elaine reconnected, and their Lasell friendship resumed. The following Summer Elaine traveled to Boston for a visit. The next Spring their lives intersected once again. Marcia's son had joined the US Navy Reserves and was stationed in Gulfport. "Elaine and her husband became his Mississippi family, attending his graduation and representing our family." In March 2011 Marcia received a call that Elaine had died suddenly. Marcia says that in the middle of all the loss and destruction of Hurricane Katrina, she and Elaine were given a gift of six more years to nurture a friendship which had its roots in Bragdon Hall.

63 Our sincere condolences to **Bette Cole Greene** on the death of her sister, **Barbara Cole French '61** in February.

65 **Lydia Moissides Hines**, recent winner of the Great Lakes Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society, went on to receive a PhD in organic chemistry after graduating from Lasell.

Since 2006, she's been a Chemistry faculty member at Western Michigan University. Lydia has two daughters and a son and tells *Leaves*, "It is a pleasure to hear how the College has grown and changed and to hear the many accomplishments of its graduates."

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Katherine Connors Novak and her husband live in Newburyport, MA. Katherine would like to reconnect with **Nancy Ferrier Grosjean**.

Meet your new class secretary, **Debbie O'Neill Aspinwall**. Debbie is a retired interior designer who moved into her in-law's former summer home in Mystic, CT which she and her husband are renovating and restoring. Debbie says, "It's great waking up in the morning to spectacular views overlooking Fishers Island Sound." Debbie would like to connect with former roommate, **Susan Betts Stover** and adds, "Class of 1966—we are all interested in knowing your whereabouts. Let's keep in touch and get reconnected through Lasell *Class Notes*."

Donna Wyman O'Driscoll divides her time between Berwick and Wells Beach, ME where she visits her two daughters and four grandchildren. During the winter

months, she spends time in Miami Lakes, FL. Donna mentioned that she would love to connect with her first Lasell friend, **Phyllis Ehret Stone**.

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45th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Katie McDonough Ryan, Kathy Morgan Lucey** or visit the website:

www.lasell.edu/reunion

68 **Class Secretary**
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For the past 18 years, **Laura Struckhoff Cline** has been a social worker for the Baltimore County Department of Social Services. She has been married for 40 years, has two married sons living in Baltimore and a daughter who lives in New York and who is planning a Fall wedding. Laura enjoys being a grandparent to her first grandchild, Kaylee.

Cindy Rardin Crawford "feels blessed with her new granddaughter, Abigail." In fact, when her daughter-in-law goes back to work, Cindy has agreed to babysit one day a week. At Christmas, Cindy's family gathered in Orlando, FL where her mother, **Ruth Fulton Rardin '40**, lives so that Cindy's two grandchildren could meet and Ruth could see her two great-grandchildren.

69 **Mary Anne Conboy** is back at Lasell, still as a "day hop," as she pursues an MSM in Elder Care Administration. "I'm taking courses online and am one-third of the way through.

I am enjoying the program and the online interaction with the students. An added plus, I get a 10% discount on tuition as an alum."

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"...to nurture a friendship that began in Bragdon Hall."

— **Marcia Madden Heist '62**

71 **Nancy Marasco**, a founding member of the Newton Marasco Foundation, serves on its advisory board for the National "Read Green" Program that recognizes authors writing about environmental stewardship for children and young adults.

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40th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Sara Elliott Wiesbock, Nancy Kopel** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

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While living in Virginia, **Sara Elliott Wiesbock** dreamed of living on the Cape, where she spent summers as a child. While browsing the Internet, she came across a Cape home she liked and found out that the realtor was a Lasell grad, **Jane Norcross Bodrie '68**.

Sara contacted Jane, and they talked about their Lasell connection. In April 2011 Sara and her husband moved from Virginia into their Cape home with Jane as their realtor. Jane also encouraged Sara to get a real estate license. Now, Sara and Jane are working side by side in the Sandwich office of Kinlin Grover Real Estate.

While shopping on the Cape for something to wear for reunion, **Nancy Kopel** shares an amazing story. "I asked the saleswoman if she thought the outfit I was buying was appropriate for a reunion." Turns out that Nancy and the saleswoman, **Nancy Bishop Cardoza** are both Lasell graduates from the Class of 1972. The two Nancys were retail majors who lived on the second floor of Woodland. Both Nancys are planning to celebrate their 40th reunion at Lasell in June.



Granite Statement: Friends from the Class of 1950 gathered in New Hampshire's White Mountains last Fall to catch up on recent memories of their 50th Lasell Reunion in June 2011. (L to R) Milly Gillis Pereira, Linda Leser Hughes, Laine Butler Ryan and Dorothy Musche.

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35th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinator **Rosemary Howard Daggett** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

The Office of Alumni Relations thanks **Janet Guertin Daigle** for representing Lasell College at the presidential

inauguration at Nichols College in Dudley, MA in October, and **Terry Juszczak DelPrato** for representing Lasell College at the presidential inauguration at Laboure College in Boston in February.

"Through LinkedIn, I connected with our class secretary."

— Jane Cormuss '80

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Class Secretary

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Jane Cormuss is working in the marketing department of Boston University's Metropolitan College. She enjoys keeping in touch with **Martha Little Walters**. Last Summer, Jane had dinner with **Amy Brightman Ehrlichman** who hails from California. Through LinkedIn, Jane connected with Class Secretary **Kay Erlanger-McNamara**. Jane and Kay were former New Dorm floor-mates. Jane lives in Newton, MA.

Kay Erlanger-McNamara lives in Michigan with her husband and son. She volunteers two days a week at a local elementary school. During the Summer months she works at a local outdoor farmer's market. Her talents are multifaceted: She has just been asked to redo the farmer's market website.

Carol Hammond Garuti is an administrative assistant to the hiring manager for the Town of Plymouth, MA. She has two grown children. Carol would love to hear from any classmates: carolgaruti@comcast.net.

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30th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinator **Corinne Guyett Norris** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

85 **Heather Putnam Goliber** says, "Hi Class of 1985! Hope you are all well. Give a shout and connect when you can: Heather_Goliber@yahoo.com."

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25th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Andrea Callahan Russo**, **Wendy Ford Foley** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, September 22

Cape Cod Luncheon
Coonamessett Inn

Thursday, October 25

NYC Alumni Cocktail Reception

Saturday, October 27

Connecticut Wine-Tasting
Haight-Brown Vineyard

For more info or to register online, go to www.lasellalumni.org.

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Our sincere condolences to **Laura French McKenna '88** on the death of her mother, **Barbara Cole French '61**, in February.

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20th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Kristin Melone Lakacha**, **Susan Parrish Cabri** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

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15th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinator **Patti Beck Bishop** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

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In March, 15 pictures and pieces from the fashion collection of **Alexandra Nolletti** were on display in Barnes & Noble in Framingham, MA.

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Mariogla Nido launched a cosmetic line during Boston Fashion Week Fall 2011. Check out her website: definebeautycosmetics.com.

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The College's Admission Office received more than 2,800 applications for the Fall 2011 entering class, and 375 new first-time, full-time freshmen enrolled.

Of them...

64%
are women

36%
are men

23%
are minority students

3%
are international students

5%
are legacy students

53%
hail from outside Massachusetts

88%
live on campus

11%
are enrolled in the
College's Honors Program

24%
are student athletes

Kara Roop Miheretu is working on a PhD in International Education Development and Early Childhood Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, NYC. In the future, Kara hopes to return to Africa to establish an early childhood education center.

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10th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Lawens Fevrier, Brian Smith** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

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5th Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinators **Mike Gaudet, Elizabeth Huston** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

08 **Kayla Jomides Richardson** '08/MSM '09 was selected for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Program for 2011-12. Participants, ranging in work experience from three to 10 years, represent various industries.

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Megan Harrison is living in Florence, Italy, studying Italian and interning with a tailor. She will be doing alterations, fittings and general garment assemblies for dancers in *Swan Lake*, *Anna Bolena* and *La Traviata*. Check out Megan's blog: italianinternship.wordpress.com.

Kristine Leighton is a revenue analyst for Amsterdam Hospitality, a management company in NYC that runs eight hotels. She was accepted to New York University's Graduate School for Integrated Marketing.

Laura Notarangelo completed 10 months of service in the AmeriCorps Cape Cod program. She lives in Falmouth, works at Eastern Mountain Sports and enjoys bike riding and hiking.

The Fashion Group International named **Nara Paz** of Nara Paz Design Internationale as a women's ready-to-wear Rising Star Finalist at a luncheon at Cipriani in NYC in January.

Katie Saddlemire is a fashion designer at the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility. Her team uses high-tech materials to outfit US troops for combat. "In the fashion world it's always about aesthetics and pushing the boundaries," Katie says. "Here, we wow people in a different way: Is it functional? Does it have a purpose? Does it breathe well? Does it save lives?" Her father, a US National Guard Colonel, is one of Katie's clients.



Great Wall: The Maguires—Lasell Trustee Jack (right), wife Linda and son David '10—toured China in November. What's it like to encounter the Great Wall? "Amazing!," David tells Leaves.

10 Class Secretary

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Kristen Augenfeld is a freelance costume designer working primarily for the Boston Babydolls Burlesque troupe. She teaches costuming classes in the Boston area and lives in Allston.

Elisa Bronstein calls herself a "jill-of-all-trades," adding, "I am the co-founder of a social media consulting company (Launch.U) and the manager/buyer for a locally-owned American art and jewelry gallery. I am adding many new skills to my resume."

Jessica Cipri is a still coordinator at J. Crew Corporate in NYC.

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1st Reunion!

For more information, contact your reunion coordinator **Kim Hooper** or visit the website: www.lasell.edu/reunion

Class Secretary

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Fallon Coster is an administrative assistant at a real estate office in Connecticut where she created a social media marketing strategy.

Since January, **Scott Hill** is the Major League Soccer correspondent for *Premiership Talk*, covering soccer news and stories. Scott says, "In the future, I hope to cover the Boston Bruins and NHL hockey. Right now, I have a great opportunity to gain experience in my field and grow as a journalist."

Ashley Jannino, who interned with Clear Channel Media and Entertainment as a Lasell undergrad, is now assistant music director for JAM'N 94.5 Radio Boston and production assistant for the *Ramiro & Pebbles Morning Show*. She tells *Leaves*, "I continue to learn more about the field of radio every day."

Christine Lam is an assistant designer for Kial & Company in Winchester, MA, where she assists "with design and production for the current collection as well as researching trends and colors."

"I call myself a 'jill-of-all-trades.'"

— Elisa Bronstein '10



Coming Soon! Construction on Lasell's newest residence hall—currently named North Hall—moved along swiftly this Spring, as warm weather allowed builders to continue their work through most of the Winter. The new residence hall, located between the Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center and Bragdon Hall, is slated to open this September.

Sarah Meyers is assistant manager at lululemon athletics in the Natick Collection. Sarah says, "We sell athletic apparel for yoga, running, dancing and other sweaty pursuits. I love working for a company that supports living an active and healthy lifestyle."

Chrissy Purington, an account coordinator at Buyer Advertising in Needham, MA, reports, "I work with local and national companies to help them reach their recruitment needs by coordinating advertising through print and online mediums. Every day is an adventure!"



Out of Africa: Carol "Shu" Schumacher Dougherty '61 went on safari through South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana in Fall 2011 (and made a special friend).

Engagements

Courtney Connell '04 to Matthew Lovett
Janelle Moynagh '07 to James Gray
Jessica Olivier '08 to Joseph Badenhoff
Serena Shapiro '08 to Matt Molk
Melissa Sheehan '06 to Josh Lonergan

Marriages

Anne Sutherland Rollins '60 to
Courtney Haggett on September 17, 2011
Kara Roop '01 to Adane Abebaw Miheretu
on March 19, 2009
Shanna DeCapitani '05 to Brian Driber
on October 1, 2011
Jessica Cox '08 to James Larsen
on September 4, 2011
Molly Fawcett '09 to Drew Gundlach '08
on October 1, 2011
Amanda Allen '09 to Nelroy Nelson MSM '11
on July 30, 2011
Danielle DiTommaso '10/MSM '11 to
Anthony DiCesare on December 10, 2011

Adoptions

Kayla Jomides Richardson '08/MSM '09, a
daughter, Sadie Samantha on January 18, 2010

Births

Heidi Lewis-Smith '01 and Brian Smith '02,
a son, Bryce McKay on October 18, 2011

Deaths

As this issue of *Leaves* went to press, the Lasell family learned of the death of one of its most generous and devoted supporters, **Marjorie "Marge" Westgate Doran '37**. The Fall 2012 issue of *Leaves* will include a full tribute to this beloved Lasell Overseer and Lasell Village resident who died at age 96 on March 26, 2012.

Dorothy Ell Strong '36 on October 29, 2011
Adele Brown Breitenstein '37
on November 14, 2010
M. Virginia Bartlett Gay '38
on November 29, 2011
Doris Benecchi Del Colliano '39
on February 7, 2012
Shirley Raymond Fricks '39
Helen Clement Johnson '40 on October 25, 2011
Elizabeth Ellis Martin '40 in May 2011
Jean Bohacket Pegram '41 on February 15, 2012
Janet Lowe Kammire '41 on October 10, 2011
Marjorie Morss Smith '41 on February 8, 2012
Laura Pechilis Apostolu '41 on November 6, 2011
Elizabeth Allen '42
Doris Bracher Jenkins '42
Jane Chafee Sweetland '42 in 1982
Florence Sherry Shepard '42 on October 15, 2011
Muriel Stark Goldsmith '42 in October 2011
Arline Walter Bozoian '42
Margaret Bosworth Logee '43
on September 19, 2011
Elizabeth "Betty" Gorton Collier '43
on November 29, 2011
Ruth Sayce Ferguson '43 on May 26, 2010
Barbara Goodwin Flint '44 on December 21, 2011

Frances Pariseau Ouellette '44
Ann "Nan" Flanigan Curley '45
on September 14, 2011
Barbara Harris Ryan '46 on September 29, 2011
Jean Hopkins Goin '46 on January 15, 2012
Elizabeth Kendall Hunter '46
Barbara Weeks Dow '46 on November 15, 2011
Janet Frandsen Blanchard '47
Barbara Stickle Mode '47 on November 29, 2011
Phyllis Sykes Brown '47 on July 1, 2010
Elda Volpe Van Wart '47 on October 24, 2011
Mary Barry Kelley '48 on October 21, 2011
Nancy Colman Hill '49
Dianne Fait Fleming '49 on September 10, 2011
Natalie Knight Rogers '49 on October 1, 2011
Marion Ettinger Steinmetz '50
on November 27, 2011
Joan Robilotto Gibson '50 on November 11, 2011
M. Constance Coleman Splan '51
on January 9, 2010
Charlotte Kelley Campbell '51 on December 2, 2011
Marie Kohaut Dougherty '51 in March 2011
Amber Ehrisman '52
Gloria Lee Donovan '52
June Martin Godfrey '53 in February 2012
Nancy Tripp Taylor '55 on October 13, 2011
Elizabeth Liebewein Snyder '57
on January 14, 2012
Marcia Lietz Sweeney '59 on September 24, 2011
Barbara Cole French '61 on February 28, 2012
Mary Harrison Lansing '65 on September 20, 2011
Marilyn Yas Cohen '69 in November 2010
Beth Powers MacDonald '84 in December 2010
Barbara Hildreth Parkhurst,
former staff on September 21, 2011

Elizabeth (Betty) Hale Gorton Collier '43: Leaving a Legacy



Elizabeth (Betty) Hale Gorton Collier, a longtime generous supporter of Lasell College and member of the Heritage Society, died at her home in Exeter, NH on November 29, 2011. She was 88.

A Glastonbury, CT native, Collier graduated from Lasell in 1943 and received a BA from Smith College two years later. She had strong ties to Lasell and remained connected to the College, both philanthropically and emotionally, throughout her life.

Betty and her husband, Paul Stanley "Stan" Collier, spent 10 years in Michigan while he worked as an executive for Ford Motor Company, followed by two decades in Rochester, NY.

During those years, the Collier family lived for a time in Fife, Scotland, where they built a home on historic ruins overlooking Lundin Links Golf Course and the Firth of Forth.

The Colliers moved to Orlando, FL in 1978, where Betty was an engaged community volunteer, including at the Orlando Science Center. Following her husband's death, Betty moved to the RiverWoods Retirement Community in Exeter.

At the time of Lasell's 150th anniversary, in 2001, Betty and Stan Collier made a donation

to the College that resulted in naming a classroom after Betty's late mother, Laura Gorton, a Class of 1916 Lasell alum.

In 2000, at her husband Stan's suggestion, Betty made her first gift annuity. "Stan thought that Lasell was very well managed, and he knew our gift would make a difference to the College," she told *Leaves*. In 2008, upon her 65th Lasell Reunion, Betty established a second annuity, underscoring her commitment to supporting future generations of Lasell students. "Lasell has been meaningful to my family," she said at the time, "and I want to give something back."

Betty Collier leaves four children, seven grandchildren and a sister, Nancy Gorton Ross '42 of Madison, CT.

Looking Presidential

Who doesn't like a challenge? Emily Gorski '14 and Brianna Robbins '15 (top), and Kasey Looney '12 and Patrick Slight '13 (bottom), certainly do! The four undergraduate class presidents got together to step it up for the annual Lasell Fund Class Giving Challenge. Every year, Lasell students compete to see which undergraduate class can generate the highest rate of participation in the Fund. Students are encouraged to make a small donation, both to raise awareness of the critical role the Lasell Fund plays in their education and to familiarize them with the annual initiative so generously supported by alumni and parents. The 2012 Class Giving Challenge lasted throughout February and saw the freshman class of 2015 lead the competition. The senior class of 2012 will continue to fundraise through Commencement in honor of their class gift—a hydration station installed on campus to refill those ubiquitous recyclable water bottles.



The Lasell Fund is Lasell's annual giving program that encourages alumni, parents and friends of the College to support today's students with a gift to the school. To learn how you can make a difference, visit www.lasellalumni.org/lasellfund, or contact Haegan Forrest, director of Annual Giving and Constituent Relations, at hforrest@lasell.edu or 617.243.2165.

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Sunday, May 13

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Friday, June 1

Alumni Fashion Show

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June 1-3

Reunion Weekend 2012

Celebrating classes
ending in 2's and 7's
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October 12-14

Family, Friends and Alumni Weekend

See *Class Notes* inside for more Fall events!

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(And check out Reunion 2011 photos at:
www.lasell.edu/Alumni-and-Friends/Reunion/Reunion-Photos.html.)



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